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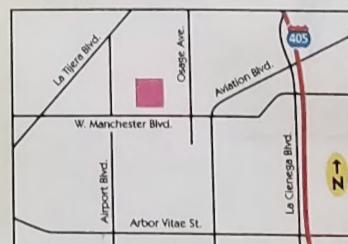


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SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER AS A FAMILY

Bob Baker, President

There have been many times during the past several years when I have discussed the LAPPL and the LAPD in the context of a family. We all watch out for each other, work for each other's best interests and ultimately work together to achieve our goals that benefit public safety and also our police officers.

Just like a family, when one part of the group is in need, the other part moves in to assist. We deal with this kind of situation on a regular basis – for example, when a fellow officer is hurt or going through hard times, or in terms of negotiating a competitive contract for the rank and file – and this summer it came to pass that our detectives needed us.

As many of you are likely aware, the detectives' division is currently going through a reorganization to ensure that our limited resources are allocated appropriately throughout the city. While ultimately this should aid our detectives in streamlining their work and eliminating some of the challenges that are preventing them from being able to do their jobs effectively, the way in which the reorganization was initiated led to more confusion than clarity, and it necessitated the active involvement of the League, in conjunction with the affected detectives, to resolve the situation.

The League was particularly concerned about the revisions being made to the detectives' tables and schedules,

and the relative lack of communication that was occurring as these changes were being unilaterally implemented. The D3's had an opportunity to meet with representatives from the Command Staff in July, and those present at the meeting had hoped to have many of their questions addressed so that they could return to their tables and garner support for the revisions. However they were sorely disappointed by the disorganized structure of the meeting and failure of the department's representatives to answer serious and legitimate questions.

The detectives had many questions and concerns about the proposed and active revisions to the detectives' operations, and were particularly troubled about their unintended, yet negative impact on public safety in Los Angeles. More specifically, we were concerned about: the success of compressing the tables, since the bureau pilots suggested by the committee were not implemented; ensuring that our best detectives were being placed on cases that utilize their strengths; making sure that the creation of the filing teams fulfilled its intended result of reducing the workload of all detectives by transferring more routine duties to officers assigned to light duty (rather than pulling detectives from active field duty to join the filing teams); and putting into place a team to trouble-shoot throughout the implemen-

tation process to ensure the needs of the detectives were being met. Above all, we needed to make sure that the detectives' ability to investigate and solve crimes was not compromised by these changes.

Because our detectives' **resources** are **limited**, and their **caseloads high**, in the interest of public safety, we must be sure that any changes that are made to their operations are carefully considered and strategically implemented. We need to ensure that our detectives are fully informed and adequately equipped to do their jobs, and solve cases in the name of being effective crime fighters on behalf of our Los Angeles residents.

With this thought in mind, the League worked to set up additional meetings on behalf of the detectives with key members of the Command Staff. We also approached Chief Bratton directly to discuss our concerns with him. He was quick to respond to our concerns and shared our goal of ensuring that these revisions to the detectives' schedules would serve to benefit both the department at the community. Since we initially raised our concerns with the Chief and the Command Staff, we have worked with the department to set up two DIII meetings and one DII meeting. There will be a meeting set up in the very near future for DI's to express their concerns as well. As a result, some of the initial confusion has dissipated and the department is making efforts to hear out and address the concerns expressed by the detectives.

A valuable lesson can be learned by this – and one that we have repeatedly seen over the years – working together as the rank and file, we can achieve our goals. It was essential that the detectives inform the League of their frustration, so that we could make an attempt to step in and intervene with the department on their behalf. Their main concern is solving crimes in Los Angeles; our main concern is making sure that they can keep that as their main focus. The rank and file does not need to concern itself with solving issues that can be handled by the League – it is our job to serve you in this capacity and help you when needed.

We are here for you, just like any other family would be. There are a lot of changes happening at the department, and we are doing what we can to make sure you are informed about the changes and that we are addressing any concerns you have. We also will continue to support officers in their times of need, for example, raising money through our annual charity golf tournament, providing funds and support to the Los Angeles Police Family Support Group and the relief fund for the families of officers who die while on active duty. We also continue to work with other organizations that benefit LAPD officers, their families and the community. This is the city where we work and these are the people we protect, and we will continue to serve in this capacity for as long as you continue to grant us the privilege. ♦

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GIVING CREDIT WHERE IT IS DUE

Mitzi Grasso, Vice President

Crime is Down

While the headlines lately have read that violent and property crimes in Los Angeles have declined, no one in the media is looking at why the numbers are falling or, for that matter, giving any credit to one program that deserves at least partial credit for the improvement – the flexible work schedule program (FWS).

The latest LAPD crime statistics show a decrease in crime, including homicides, compared with this time last year. In fact, homicide numbers in the City of Los Angeles are better than the Sheriff's in the unincorporated areas of the county. Sheriff Lee Baca said the discrepancy can be attributed to a difference in staffing numbers – and he is right. In terms of patrol, the number of LAPD officers has increased overall, as the number of sheriff's deputies has declined. The Sheriff is also correct to point out something the League has been saying for some time – more police officers on the streets helps keep crime rates low. Baca appropriately called the homicide statistics "a reality check on how resources affect crime problems." The real question for city leaders continues to be: how do we get more police officers without losing the ones we have? It is critical that the city continue to encourage the retention of experienced officers while also expanding the force through the hiring of new officers at a reasonable pace. Hand in hand, these two groups will lead to the strategic expansion of our Department.

It strikes me as odd that with all the debate about FWS in the media, no one has pointed out that one significant reason the crime numbers are going in the right direction is that LAPD has more officers on the streets. Part of the credit for more officers on the streets is due to the successful implementation of the flexible work schedule program – a program that some "leaders" sought to kill. Unlike many city experiments, the FWS program has delivered what it promised: greater protection and safety to the City

of Los Angeles, improved officer morale, the retention and attraction of qualified officers to the LAPD – with the final benefit being safer streets.

As study after study has shown, flexible work schedules have proven to be effective when implemented at both LAPD and neighboring law enforcement agencies. As we said when we pushed this program, flexible work schedules add more officers to the force, saving taxpayers money and improving efficiency. Moreover, the schedules are conducive to community policing.

In the long-term, we need to add more police officers to the force if we are truly going to reduce the crime numbers in a meaningful way. To put into perspective the landscape of the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles population is estimated to be over 3.8 million and while the LAPD has gone through a period of contraction, it is only recently back up to the levels that it was several years ago, with a little over 9,200 police officers.

The City of Los Angeles encompasses 470 square miles; by comparison, the City of New York is 308.9 square miles, with a population of 7,420,166, and a police force of 39,110 officers.

It should be evident, when examining these figures, that we need to maximize our resources in whatever way possible to ensure that officers are serving those communities that have the greatest need. Whether through the utilization of flexible work schedules or more aggressive recruiting efforts, the LAPD must go with what works – and, obviously, flexible work schedules are working.

Parks' refusal to Cooperate

Several months ago, at the urging of Chief Bratton, the Police Commission appointed prominent civil rights attorney Connie Rice to lead an independent commission to review "Rampart" issues and determine whether the

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Tim Sands, Treasurer

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Additionally, please take a moment to check your beneficiaries you have listed on your League insurance.

Brady Lawsuit

A proposed settlement of the Brady

Lawsuit has been agreed to by the League and the City. The settlement should be mailed to all parties of the suit in September or early October. The settlement includes monetary damage for the affected parties. All Brady letters shall be removed from affected officers' personnel files and replaced with a generic Risk Management duty restriction letter.

If the affected officer disputes that letter with a long-term duty restriction, he or she can appeal to the Full Risk Management Committee with a representative of his/her choice. Additionally, the affected officer is entitled to the full Risk Management Report. The agreement also sets up guidelines and protocol for the Risk Management Committee.

The League thanks the Law Firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver, for their work in settling this lawsuit.

Body Armor Replaced

The Department is currently recalling all Ultima-Series concealable vests, as these vests have shown to break down prior to warranty expiration.

Second Chance Body Armor has agreed to replace all Ultima vests with the Monarch vest. It is made of 100% Kevlar and has shown not to break down like the Ultima Series vests which are

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Schedule of Benefits ReliaStar Life Insurance Company

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40 - 44	\$40,500	\$90,000	\$105,000	\$117,000	\$168,000
45 - 49	\$26,500	\$59,500	\$69,000	\$77,000	\$120,000
50 - 54	\$13,500	\$30,000	\$42,000	\$56,000	\$102,000
55 - 59	\$8,500	\$19,000	\$24,000	\$48,000	\$85,000
60 - 69	\$6,000	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$23,000	\$42,000
65 - 69	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$20,000
70 +	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$14,000
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made of a material called zylon.

Replacement of vests will start immediately. The quick resolution to this problem was reached through the combined efforts of the LAPPL, City Attorney's Office, FOD, Mayor's Office, and the Chief of Police.

I have been informed some officers have purchased the Ultima vest as part of an armor upgrade program. The LAPPL is working with the City Attorney to provide a suitable remedy for these officers. I will inform you on the progress made in future articles.

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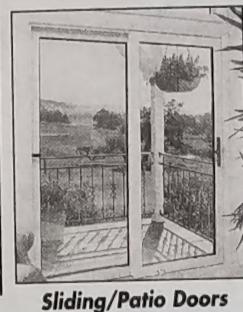
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THE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX (AMT)

Cliff Ruff

This article is about a tax drafted in 1969, which will impact most officers and their families by the year 2010, if not sooner. Currently, it is impacting highly compensated officers.

It is called the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). This law was intended to prevent rich people from using loopholes and write offs from paying their fair share of taxes. The problem is that the AMT was not indexed for inflation and ordinary people like us are going to be rich.

It is projected by the year 2010, 92% of families making over \$100,000 will be impacted. Guess what? At the end of this contract, all Sergeant II's and above will have a minimum salary that is six figures.

If your spouse works, most likely all those officers will be above six figures. Overtime details will also put officers in this bracket in 2003. You and your accountant must pay attention now, because if the IRS determines that you owe an AMT and did not pay it, you will be liable for interest and penalties.

It pretty much mandates that you must calculate your taxes on a Form 1040, and then again on a Form 6251 (AMT). Whichever is higher, you must pay.

Here are the rough guides under the AMT:

Deductions not allowed:

- 1). State income tax
- 2). Property taxes
- 3). Dependents
- 4). Non-reimbursed business expenses

Deductions allowed:

- 1). Home mortgage interest
- 2). Charitable contributions

The tax rate for AMT is 26% up to \$175,000 for married couples, and 28% over that amount. This tax rate doesn't sound bad until you realize you will be paying more taxes on income you can no longer shelter by deductions.

Now that you are a rich person living in a high tax state like California, the Democrats want you to pay more income tax and property tax. Under the AMT, you cannot deduct that, so you automatically pay more federal income tax. It puts the upper middleclass into a no win situation.

Is there a remedy? Not likely. With the Bush administration currently establishing a 400 billion dollar deficit, it is these new taxes that will pay for the deficit. With Bush's new lower tax rates for filers of Form 1040, the new low rates will trigger AMT liability for millions more Americans. We are trapped. Clearly though, Congress needs to index the AMT.

The AMT will impact everyone on the job. If you trigger the AMT in the future, you may be required to pay estimated taxes quarterly, which will force you to formulate a budget and live within your budget. This along with higher medical costs will change the way you live.

This will impact those about to retire, and the recently retired. With ninety percent pension, DROP, deferred compensation, and the likely low mortgage, retirees will be severely impacted by the AMT.

This will hit all officers, young and

old. Prepare for it by consulting tax planning professionals.

You can miss a house or a car payment, and it may impact your interest rates or credit rating. If you miss an IRS tax payment, it can have devastating long-lasting consequences. Start your tax planning now and avoid some financial hardships that are coming in your immediate future. If you think you're underpaid, the IRS doesn't think so.

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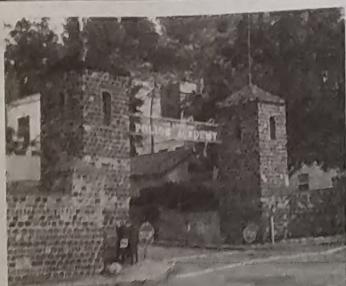
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Peter Repovich

As we are all aware, the LAPD is a unique organization. It is made up of people of many diverse backgrounds and diverse interests.

But one thing I believe we all have in common is the motivation to speak out when we see an issue of concern to the rank and file, or when we know our voice will make a difference.

As a collective unit, we have done this when we wanted flexible work schedules, when we saw the need for discipline reform and when we saw the need for new leadership at the LAPD. And time and again, each time we – as the LAPPL Board of Directors and the rank and file – spoke out together, we got what we wanted.

You as the membership base of the LAPPL have also recently spoken out in regard to who you want as your leaders of the League. The message has come through loud and clear: you are confident in the League's leadership and wish to see us continue our work in our current capacities.

Thank you for your support and confidence in my abilities to serve as one of your Directors here at the Protective League. I have been honored to serve the membership for almost three years now, and proud to be part of a Board of Directors that deals with daily issues

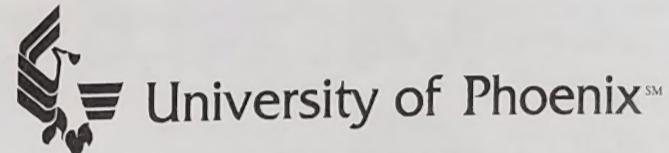
through leadership and teamwork. I will continue to fight for change, and work to enhance our working environment, legal rights, compensation, and benefits for our members.

We know you are aware of the goals that have been achieved during the last several years – today we work in a better LAPD, with the promise of even more improvements. The LAPPL Board of Directors has committed itself to working as a unified group to effect change at the LAPD.

But we know there continue to be many challenges ahead. The political and economic environment in California warrants the most immediate attention, as does the need to increase the number of LAPD officers through both retention of current officers and the recruitment of new officers. We also continue to deal with the reforms associated with the implementation of the Consent Decree and many of the crime problems that plague our communities.

Again, I thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve as your representative on the Board of Directors. This Board is committed to the membership and will keep the momentum going and strive to make a difference for all of our members.

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Paul Weber

League Elections:

There are three police officer seats up this election cycle. One was left vacant by the retirement of Don Lint; and Ted Hunt and Peter Repovich occupy the other two offices. At this point in time Defense & Employee Representative/ Training Division Delegate Corina Lee and Richard Melenendez, Northeast Patrol, have filed for the open seat.

I strongly encourage you to take this election very seriously. Every director has a direct effect on your life at work and at home. The MOU we recently approved is only one example of many. Ask questions, read their campaign material, talk to others and if you see them ask any pertinent question you have.

This union is not a social club or a place to retire to. We work long hours to represent your interests and further the goals we have established. Our mission statement is:

The mission of the Los Angeles Police Protective League is to vigilantly protect, promote, and improve the working conditions, legal rights, compensation and benefits of Los Angeles Police Officers.



Don't vote for someone because you think they are a "nice person" or, "I worked with them once." Look for people who can and will do the job well.

Look for these qualities:

- Experience as a delegate who has worked on League committees and negotiations.
- Experience as a employee representative. Someone who knows your rights and how to invoke them.
- Someone who is honest, dedicated, and wants to work hard for your benefit.
- Education, experience and training in fields that would be useful at the League.
- Do they have leadership qualities, common sense, good judgment and an even temper?

I hope these and the other qualities you desire in a League Director will be your guiding light. **PLEASE VOTE!**

The Grass in Greener (or not):

The following is a recent headline to ponder, "New South Carolina Police Union Says Officers Want At Least Same Rights As Criminals", from The Greenville News, August 25. This article outlined the concerns of deputies and officers who work at the whim of their

sheriff or chief without the benefit of a police officer bill of rights.

Management had a response:

He (Sheriff) said deputies who don't want to work under those circumstances have the right to go somewhere else. "They knew that when they took the job," he said.

We must continue to work to expand, preserve and enforce the rights you possess under the law. **Please join the League's enhanced legal plan by calling (213) 251-4575.**



Then we have our supporters at the ACLU who let you know right up front what they think of you and our profession. They have a clip art on their site that shows a police officer beating a defenseless person with their baton. http://archive.aclu.org/library/fighting_police_abuse.html

They provide a how-to course on controlling police abuse with topics such as:

"CONTROLLING THE POLICE — COMMUNITY GOALS A Civilian Review Board Control of Police Shootings Reduce Police Brutality End Police Spying Oversight of Police Policy "

I always wondered why they don't have the same concern over the crime victims and the officers hurt or killed protecting them?

Blue Line feedback:

I have received some feedback about changes, additions, and deletions you would like to see in the *Blue Line*. I appreciate your great response. Please keep these ideas coming! If you have any for our web site also please drop a line to me at the League or e-mail me at Paulweber@lappl.org.

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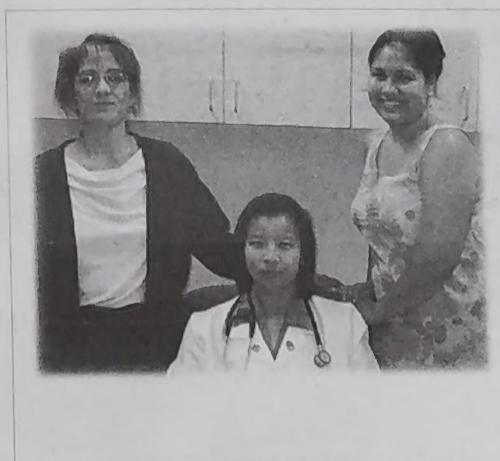
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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



Update on Promotions

League sponsored civil litigation still lingers attempting to correct many of the unfair and illegal management practices implemented by former Chief Bernard Parks. As the principal and relevant issues are fleshed out in court through pre-trial discovery, it is easy to identify diverse interests of the membership on all sides of these issues.

For instance, under Chief Parks many members were unfairly deemed "unfit for promotion" after "kangaroo" hearings before Boards of Inquiry. Because of this illegal practice Parks in turn unfairly deprived other deserving members from promotion even after such members attended supervisory schools in anticipation of their promotion. Now that the old promotional lists expired, we find other League members on the new promotional lists with legitimate concerns about how the pending lawsuits are going to affect their promotability.

The following update on the 2000-2002 Sergeants' Promotion litigation was kindly provided by attorney Tracy Murphy from the law firm of Castle, Petersen & Krause, LLP.

Background

In 2002, three class representatives, LaLey, the NAACP and the Asian American League, filed suit against the City of Los Angeles for violations by the Los Angeles Police Department of the 1992 Hunter-LaLey Consent Decree. The Consent Decree was created as a result of a lawsuit filed by John Hunter against the City of Los Angeles, alleging the City and the LAPD had violated the FEHA and Title VII by discriminatory practices in hiring and promotions. Without admitting liability, but to avoid litigation, both sides agreed to terms of the Consent Decree, which would go into effect for a term of 15 years.

In part, the Consent Decree required the City to meet certain annual goals for the promotions of African-American, Hispanic and Asian-American sworn

LAPD police officers to the positions of Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant. Specifically, Provision 36 of the Consent Decree provided a modification to the civil service hiring procedure, known as the "Rule of Three Whole Scores."

Under the traditional Rule of Three Whole Scores, a police officer seeking promotion to the position of Sergeant, Detective or Lieutenant, is first required to take an examination. The examination consists of three parts; a written examination, an oral interview and a package review which examines the particular candidates' personnel file, including any previous or pending complaints. Each part of the examination is scored separately and later combined to give each candidate an overall whole score.

Candidates are then ranked into "bands" according to their combined whole score. For example, all candidates with an overall combined score of 84 will compose Band 1, all officers with scores of 82 will compose Band 2 and so on. Candidates are placed in a ranked order within each band for a two-year Promotional Eligibility List.

As positions become available, the Chief of Police notifies the City Personnel Department of the number of candidates needed to fill those vacancies. The Personnel Department then "certifies" bands containing the appropriate number of candidates needed to fill those vacancies. The Chief of Police then fills vacancies from the list of "certified" candidates by exhausting candidates in each band before moving to the next lower band.

In an effort to enable the City to adhere to its annual promotional goals the League negotiated Provision 36 of the Consent Decree which in 1992 provided for the modification of the traditional Rule of Three Whole Scores for the last six months of any Promotional Eligibility List. The modification would allow the Chief of Police to fill vacancies from any of the eligible candidates in the next lower band.

At sometime during the life of the 2000-2002 Sergeant Promotional Eligibility List, then Chief Bernard Parks began sending officers who had previous or pending complaints to hearings before the Board of Inquiry. The purpose of the hearings was to determine whether a particular officer was "fit for promotion." Despite the fact that most, if not all, of the issues for which an officer was sent to a Board of Inquiry hearing had been previously resolved and had cleared the package review portion of the examination, Chief Parks "disqualified" many of the 2000-2002 Sergeant candidates from promotions. In May 2001 and somewhere in the midst of Band 14, Chief Parks stopped filling close to 70 vacancies. The Chief admitted freezing the List, explaining that disqualified candidates were keeping him from exhausting a particular band, thus preventing him from promoting candidates in the next lower band. Chief Parks acted in complete disregard of Provision 36 of the Consent Decree, which would have allowed him to bypass disqualified candidates and fill vacancies with any eligible candidate. As a result, the City failed to meet its annual minorities promotional goals in either 2000 or 2001.

Lawsuit

In November 2002, the League authorized Castle, Petersen & Krause to intervene in the original Consent Decree lawsuit on behalf of thirty individual African American, Hispanic and Asian American officers ("Intervenors") from various bands on the 2000-2002 Sergeant Promotional Eligibility List. The parties stipulated to allow the intervention and the Court issued an Order to Show Cause ("OSC") as to why the City should not be held in contempt for violating the Consent Decree.

The Intervenors requested retroactive promotions, with back pay and seniority, or in the alternative, the right to administrative hearings before a court appointed monitor. The City claimed that Chief Parks acted appropriately as Provision 36 did not require a modification of the traditional Rule of Three Whole Scores. In addition, the City claimed the Intervenors could not have been promoted as they had not been "certified" by the Personnel Department.

On June 9, 2003, prior to the OSC Hearing, the federal District Court issued a Tentative Order finding the City in contempt, in part for failing to meet annual goals as set forth in the Consent Decree and for violating Provision 36 of the Consent Decree. The Court held that Chief Parks did not act appropriately when he used disqualified candidates as reason to "block" the List without using qualified candidates to fill vacancies.

The Tentative Order provided a limited remedy, remanding only the cases of those African American and Hispanic officers ranking in Band 14 and above,

for administrative hearings before court appointed monitor to make determination of promotion. The Tentative Order found that the City had met its goals for Asian American officers.

During oral arguments at the OSC hearing, the City relied upon previous arguments to deny violating the Consent Decree. The Court was not swayed. Attorney Gregory G. Petersen, on behalf of the Intervenors, argued that had the City not violated the Consent Decree by "blocking" the List, many other Intervenors, other than those in Bands 14 and higher, would have been promoted to the position of Sergeant. Mr. Petersen successfully persuaded the Court that although the remedy provided in the Tentative Order was appropriate, it was too narrow.

The Court decided to refrain from issuing a final judgment at that time and instructed the City to file additional documents regarding names, ranks and ethnicities of candidates on the 2000-2003 Sergeant Promotional Eligibility List. Information contained in these documents will enable the Court to formulate a more fitting remedy. As instructed by the Court, the City filed additional documents. Last month a final judgment was issued but the City filed a formal request for reconsideration, which is pending a ruling by the Court.

Castle, Petersen & Krause also represent the plaintiffs in the LAPPL v. City of Los Angeles case filed in L.A. Superior court. The plaintiffs in the LAPPL case include the League as well as all candidates on the 2000-2002 Sergeant Promotional Eligibility List who were denied promotions. Interestingly, the documents filed by the City in response to the District Court's instructions for the OSC reveal important information which contradicts one of the central arguments asserted by the City in the League's case. The issue of whether the City wrongfully "blocked" the List has already been resolved in the League's case, but the outcome of the OSC hearing will play an important role in this matter nonetheless. Although the full extent of how much the OSC outcome will impact the League's case can only be determined upon the issuance of a final judgment, it is clear that at least some of the plaintiffs in both cases will have their rights vindicated.

Because so many membership interests are involved in this litigation, the main goal is to ensure that all promotions are based on a fair and equitable system. It is our intent to some day once again provide all members with the ability to plan their promotional careers many years ahead of time. We will keep you informed of all future significant developments as they occur in this very important case.

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WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

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Involuntary Reaction or Moral Decision?

Sergeant Babysitter has been terrific at talking about everything under the sun but your shooting. Unfortunately, you can think of nothing else. The friendly chatter is actually distracting. You know that in too short of a time you will be talking to an investigator and a tape recorder in great detail about what happened. The problem is, in all honesty, you do not know for sure just what did happen. You have been trying to put it together in your mind, but it is difficult. While still in a state of shock, you were segregated from your fellow officers and spirited away from the scene by Sergeant Babysitter. You looked back out the window as he drove you away and you could see a surprising amount of blood flow from the suspect's head, its red color in sharp contrast to the pale sidewalk cement. The flashing lights from the RA gave a surreal glow to the blood. You could tell by the unhurried actions of the ambulance crew that the suspect had already expired. Now you sit in the captain's office with Sergeant Babysitter per Consent Decree rules awaiting the Critical Incident Investigation Team. Your mind is reeling trying to understand the events of the incident and put them in perspective.

You remember that it had started out as a traffic stop. What was the violation?

Somehow you cannot remember. Does it matter? As you approached the car, the suspect looked directly at you and then hit the gas and sped off. You ran back to your car, jumped in just ahead of your partner, and sped after him. Your partner had just picked up the radio mike to go in pursuit when you rounded a corner just in time to see the suspect crash into another vehicle in the intersection. You do not remember seeing the suspect exit the wreckage, but you have a clear mental picture of him running south between the houses. Then you are running after him. Did you go Code Six? Did your partner call an ambulance? You are struggling to remember.

The foot pursuit was fast, but short. You remember mental images of the suspect scaling a fence. You remember how he hit the ground on the other side awkwardly. He seemed to be holding something in his waistband. You remember the feel of the cold steel of the fence on your hands as you go over. You remember the jar of your feet as you hit the ground. You remember the sound of your heavy breathing. You remember flashes again of the suspect running down an alley way. You can remember the feel of your gun in your hand, but you have no memory of drawing it from your holster.

Then things really get confusing. You have strong memories in freeze frame. The suspect turned towards you with a

strange expression on his face. His hand melded against his waistband. The flash of something shiny. The strangely muffled sound of shots. Slow motion impressions of the suspect falling. A strange out of body feeling. The shouts of your partner breaking through into your consciousness. Decock! Decock! A jumble of radio broadcasts. Other officers arriving. Handcuffing. The appearance of Sergeant Babysitter. The drive back to the station that seemed to last forever.

You struggle to put it together. Sergeant Babysitter is watching you closely. He is truly concerned about your welfare. It is hard to tell that you are in custody and not free to leave. You know that your future rides on the investigation that follows. Why did you shoot? That will be the question. Why did you shoot? The cold honest answer is that you do not know. You cannot remember making the decision to shoot.

The Great False Premise

When the investigation starts, it will focus on the question of why the shooting officer fired his, or her, weapon. The unspoken premise is that the firing of the weapon was a conscious, deliberate decision. All of the forensics, witness statements, scene diagrams, ballistics, autopsies, measurements, photographs, and tactical expertise will focus on whether the shooting (i.e., decision to shoot) was justified.

The Department will, within the next few months following the shooting, arrive at an official opinion as to whether the shooting was justified, and discipline the officer, up to and including termination, if it finds insufficient reasons for the officer to shoot. The District Attorney will examine the facts surrounding the shooting and decide whether or not to file criminal charges against the officer. If it finds insufficient

reasons for the officer to shoot, jail for the officer is a distinct possibility. There will probably be a lawsuit and a jury will receive evidence on the circumstances of the shooting, and they will be tasked with deciding if the officer committed a tort when the officer fired at the suspect. And if the jury finds guilt, the City, and possibly, the officer will pay big bucks. In short, all of society from your employer to a jury of your peers will judge you on the premise that you made a conscious decision to shoot the suspect. A premise that is false.

All of science, including fingerprinting, blood spatter analysis, forensics, physics, ballistics, and countless other scientific techniques will be consulted to judge you. Only one scientific field will be completely ignored and that is psychology. Psychologists have studied the brain under stress and have understood how it reacts for years. However, the medical truth is inconvenient. It is inconvenient because it frustrates those who want to attach blame to the officer. Whether it is the Department, the District Attorney, the plaintiff's attorney, or all those special interest folks out there that grease their skids with police abuse rhetoric. But inconvenient, or not, it is the truth. Proven medical truth. The reason our officer in the above fictitious scenario cannot remember making a conscious decision to shoot is because he did not make any decision at all. And that truly is inconvenient.

Anatomy 101

You consciously decide how fast to walk. You do not consciously decide how fast your heart beats. The autonomic nervous system handles this chore. Unless you are some kind of zen master, you have no conscious control of the autonomic nervous system. The auto-

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A Message From Chief Bratton

The Consent Decree: Fact vs. Fiction

By now, everyone within the Los Angeles Police Department should be familiar with the Consent Decree. However, many employees still perceive Consent Decree restrictions or requirements that in reality do not exist. Hopefully, separating fact from fiction will help all of us achieve a unified goal of compliance.

Along with reducing crime, particularly gang violence, and improved counter terrorism capability, compliance with the Consent Decree is one of my top three priorities. I expect that at the end of the mandated five-year period, the United States Department of Justice will declare that we are in compliance and federal oversight of the LAPD will be over. I strongly believe the Consent Decree provisions are the basis of solid business and policing practices and are the foundation for the future of this Department. In essence, once we are in compliance the Federal Government will be able to stand with us and say that we have proven that we are not a corrupt, brutal or racist Department, something that you all know.

I am often asked about the Consent Decree and I understand you have questions and concerns. With this column, I

hope to address those questions and clear up some of the myths and misconceptions I frequently hear from you.

The Consent Decree is a contract between the City of Los Angeles and the United States. There is an *Independent Monitor* (Kroll Associates) who provides a real time review of how we are complying with our obligations. The Consent Decree does not empower the Department of Justice or the Monitor to control any part of the Department.

On June 15, 2001, the countdown to compliance began. We must be in *substantial compliance* with the provisions of the Consent Decree by June 15, 2004. Substantial compliance means greater than 94-percent compliance with each of the provisions that apply to the LAPD. If the Department maintains *substantial compliance* for two years, the Decree will expire on June 15, 2006. That is our goal. I emphasize *we*, because compliance is in everyone's best interest. The decree could remain in effect if we fail as an organization.

The Consent Decree provisions primarily involve six areas: audits, supervision, gang units, internal investigations, relations with the public and civilian oversight. The Consent Decree will bring benefits as well as obligations in the form of additional monies, resources and technology that

will help us operationally for many years to come.

Common Consent Decree Myths

- 1. The Department of Justice and the Independent Monitor controls the promotions of individual employees. FALSE**

The Consent Decree does not concern or impact promotions in any significant way. Police promotions are addressed within the civil service rules and regulations, Memoranda of Understanding of the Los Angeles Police Protective League and the Command Officers' Association as well as provisions of the City Charter.

- 2. The Department of Justice and the Independent Monitor controls the discipline decisions involving individual employees. FALSE**

Charter section 1070 controls the discipline of sworn members of the Department. The Consent Decree does not address the issue of individual discipline. It does have limited provisions involving the conduct of administrative investigations. The monitor can only review completed administrative investigations and the purpose of the review is an auditing function only.

3. Field Data Reports

What, if any, conclusions can be drawn from statistical analysis of FDA data is currently unknown. In an effort to find answers to these questions, the City is seeking to contract with a technical expert. The FDR is a tool to gather Department-wide information. In 2004, a prototype handheld computerized system will be available to record this data for all patrol officers. It will also allow for the simultaneous creation of citations and field interview cards. Its use by police officers in the

field will be phased in over several months after its implementation.

- 4. The Consent Decree prevents the use of observation posts and controls how we work. FALSE**

Nothing in the Consent Decree prohibits an observation post or controls enforcement of the law. The provisions state that gang unit activities must be logically based within the concerned Geographic Area's station and the units cannot use off-site locations at night to hold arrestees or interview witnesses. These provisions were designed to ensure effective and constant supervision, in direct response to the Rampart scandal. You can still use observation posts or other methods to observe criminal conduct.

These are just some of the questions and misunderstandings commonly expressed by officers. I am certain there are more and I will attempt to address them as I hear about them.

The Consent Decree does allow for modifications or changes if both parties agree and a Federal Judge concurs. However, until we achieve a *substantial* level of compliance, we will not be in a strong position to request material changes. As of the end of the first quarter of 2003, we believe that we are in compliance with 71 of 116 provisions that have been evaluated. We are not in compliance with many provisions relating to gang unit management, audits, training, and the documentation of arrests, searches and administrative investigations. These are issues that affect supervision and management systems and do not directly impact your policing efforts.

Remember, we are less than a year away from achieving substantial com-

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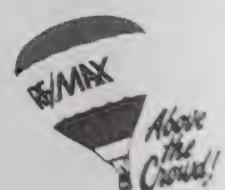
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LAPD corrected problems that resulted in the scandal.

Even though he has moved on to a position with the City Council, Bernard Parks must still deal with the issues he left behind at the police department – including the full investigation into Rampart. To fully put this situation behind us, we must achieve closure.

Last month, Mr. Parks told the media that the latest probe into the Rampart affair – which he handled poorly and, as a result, contributed to his removal from office as chief of police – is a waste of time and money and, as a result, he has refused to cooperate with the panel. Parks made his decision in a combative letter to fellow councilmembers. In typical Parks fashion, he put himself above the fray by questioning whether it would be appropriate for him as a member of the City Council's Public Safety Committee overseeing the Police Department

to testify to the panel. In a typical arrogant fashion, Parks said he does not believe the new panel will be able to learn anything more than what already has been uncovered and he does not believe another report will add anything to the LAPD's knowledge.

It is unfortunate that the civilian panel looking at Rampart is being frustrated by Parks' refusal to work with them – but it should come as no surprise to anyone since Parks never was truly interested in looking to the outside for ways to improve the quality of police services. Like so many other people, I was hoping that respected community leaders like Ms. Rice could persuade and encourage Mr. Parks to become more cooperative and less inflexible. Although we do not always agree with Connie Rice, we applaud her for recognizing the importance of restoring community policing to its full strength at LAPD and the need for civilian involvement in police matters. ♦

Message From The Chief

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pliance. It is up to each and every one of us to reach that goal. To that end, over the next several months, at my direction, there will be a lot of attention paid to compliance accountability by individual command officers, supervisors and units that have direct designated responsibility for various consent decree issues. You can help them by ensuring that your paperwork and reports are timely and accurate. Individual field officers need to work harder to ensure that FDR reports are being filled out correctly.

Working together over the next several years, we can reach Mayor Hahn's goal to make Los Angeles the safest large city in America by reducing crime, the threat of terrorism and by compliance with the Consent Decree. If I were a betting man, my money would be on you - the men and women who proudly serve and represent the best

police department in the country. With very few exceptions, and I am working hard to get rid of them, you are the best cops in America. I have seen that for myself time and again over the last ten months that I have been privileged to be your Chief.

The Rampart case and other similar cases of abuse, corruption and non-performance clearly showed how the criminal actions of a few corrupt cops can bring a great department to its knees. You didn't join the LAPD to be scorned and not trusted by the very people you protect and serve. You joined because you wanted to be part of the best. Work with me and the Consent Decree and we can once again stand with pride and say irrefutably that we are the best law enforcement organization in America – second to none – and that as a transparent organization, we have nothing to hide. You and I know that you are the best; working together we can prove it to everyone else. ♦

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nomic nervous system is divided into two functional halves, the sympathetic nervous system and the parasympathetic nervous system. These are basically on/off switches to your bodily functions. The autonomic nervous system is where your "fight or flight" system lives. The autonomic nervous system swings into action whenever the brain perceives a threat to survival, resulting in an immediate discharge of stress hormones, which are designed to prepare the body for "fight or flight." This activation is **automatic and virtually uncontrollable**.

Non-essential bodily functions are immediately shut down and vital bodily functions necessary for survival receive

a large dose of chemicals designed to throw them into overdrive. In other words, a big adrenalin dump. An individual's reaction is largely dependent on individual training. A trained officer with access to a gun, when under the influence of the autonomic nervous system, will involuntarily react to stimuli interpreted by the brain as life threatening by shooting at the source of the threat. It will not be a conscious decision to shoot. It will not be a conscious weighing of the tenets of Department policy. It will not be a mulling over of the ethical considerations of using deadly force. It will simply be an involuntary reaction dictated by the autonomic nervous system. End of story.

To make matters worse, the very

chemical dump that contributes to survivability of the body, contributes paradoxically to the death of the officer's career or personal freedom. Vision is affected by these chemicals resulting in tunnel vision. Hearing is distorted. Sensory overload frustrates long-term memory. Freeze framing one image causes the brain to miss other images. Time distortion is common. All of these distortions fill the officer's subsequent taped interview with inaccuracies and conflicts. These inaccuracies and conflicts will be exaggerated and trumpeted by those with an agenda to show that the officer is lying and covering up his, or her, true motives for needlessly shooting this poor suspect who is now portrayed as obviously in the act of surrendering and on the brink of changing his criminal ways.

From a medical standpoint, if one wants an accurate interview concerning the facts of a high stress use of force, the worst thing you can do is subject the officer to a detailed tape recorded interview of what occurred before the brain has had a chance (through a night's sleep) to process the information received in the sensory overload environment of the fight or flight response. The LAPD protocol manages to do everything wrong from the medical point of view. The officer is segregated, held for hours, and extensively interviewed even if exhausted by the adrenalin dump and lack of sleep. Then the conflicts in the officer's statement are highlighted in the final report which is subsequently made available through subpoena, or otherwise, to whomever wants to attack the officer's actions.

And when the officer is attacked, the great false premise will be in the front ranks. Everything will be analyzed on the basis of the validity of the "decision" to fire the weapon. The fact that there was no decision will be ignored. Ignored to the ultimate demise of the officer's career, or even freedom.

Legal Defense 101

In law school, you will come across this quote. "When the law is against you, attack the facts. When the facts are against you, attack the law. When the law and the facts are against you, attack the cop."

When involved in a serious use of

force, the LAPD protocol puts you at every disadvantage to repel the "attack the cop" section of the above quote. It is up to you to countermand as much of the disadvantage as possible. Get experienced representation. Do not waive any of your rights. Do not make any voluntary statements. Think before you speak. In other words, hear **warning bells**. Take use of force investigations seriously, the career you save may be your own.

If you need to read further about the psychological effects of a high stress incident on perception, you need go no further than the Department's own publication, *The Procedural Manual for the Investigation of Officer Involved Shootings*, April 1995, pages 63 to 80. Other excellent sources are two books written by Lawrence N. Blum, PhD: *Force Under Pressure: How Cops Live and Why They Die*, and *Stoning the Keepers of the Gate*. Further research has been done by Pulitzer Prize nominated author David Grossman. His research article is titled *Critical Incident Amnesia: The Physiological Basis and the Implications of Memory Loss During Extreme Survival Stress Situations*. Go to www.killology.com to view this and other related articles.

This psychological reaction to stress is mainstream medical knowledge. The LAPD protocol needs to be changed to reflect the realities of obtaining accurate information retrieval from officers who have gone through the terror of life-threatening situations. The blame needs to be shifted from the officer, whose system has been triggered into survival mode, to the suspect whose actions have caused the officer's system to switch to survival mode. In other words, if a suspect wants to run, or fight, instead of complying with an officer's lawful order, the SUSPECT runs the risk that he might trigger the officer's autonomic nervous system and be shot. There IS a decision that was consciously made in our scenario. It was the conscious decision the SUSPECT made to flee on contact from the officer. Maybe THAT is the decision society should concern itself with, not the officer's psychological involuntary response.

Be legally careful out there. ♦

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned to the writer for editing. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

Cliff:

I have the title for a *Blue Line* article for you: "Wife of Retired RHD Detective, Supported by LAPPL, Appointed to the Orange County Superior Court."

I am very pleased to inform you that my wife, Linda S. Marks-Gailey, was appointed this week to the Orange County Superior Court bench. Linda and I wish to thank you personally, as well as to extend our gratitude to everyone at the League who worked for, provided encouragement to and supported her endorsement.

The membership should know that your support of her candidacy was given weight by the Governor. Further that as a result of her appointment, police officers in Orange County have a friend in the judiciary, one who has "been there."

Thank you again.

Warmest regards,
Bill Gailey
Hello:

I am a Swiss Police Officer of the city of Montreux. I collect the patches American fonts and I would like to obtain those of Los Angeles. I seek the patches particularly of LAPD and SWAT team. I thank you for agreeing to communicate to me by which means it would be possible for me to obtain them. Thank you to answer me, better greetings with you, expensive colleagues.

I can of course exchange with patches Font of Montreux.

If I do not address to the good people, thank you to make continuation this request!

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Good morning,

My name is Rick Gobio and I work for the York Regional Police auxiliary (badge #2192) out of 4 district headquarters.

I am writing because I am an avid police patch and pin collector for all Canadian and fellow American police forces. I was wondering if I could obtain any patches or pins from your police force or what the procedure is to go about getting them. I am also interested in exchanging patches with other collectors. Anybody may contact me at this e-mail or at 2192@police.york.on.ca.

Thank you for your time and help.

Take care,
Rick Gobio
A.P.C. 2192

A HUMBLE REQUEST

Dear Friends:

My youngest brother is a police officer in Ventura so I am sensitive to your ways. We would like to encroach upon your time as little as possible.

My business partner, Frank Boross and I, are beginning to write a movie script about a policeman and his beat at Christmastime. And we are looking for

stories—Christmas stories.

We wish to compile an anthology of real life police stories that have happened around Christmastime. These histories you may have experienced yourself, or they can be stories you may only know about that have been told to you. It doesn't really matter, except these stories must be around Christmastime. The stories can be funny or sad. They can be uplifting or tragic. It would be nice if they were true, but most important is that they are interesting.

Now the fun part is how to tell your story.

You can write them and send them via e-mail or post. You can dictate them onto a cassette and mail us the cassette (we will reimburse you for the postage and the cassette). Or you can call us and we will arrange some other way over the phone. If you have any questions, our number and address is: Boross & Higgins, 867 E. Front Street, Ventura, CA 93001; (805) 641-3394; borosshiggins@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for your time.

Frank Boross & Chris Higgins

Dear Editor:

My next door neighbor, Mr. Herbert "Tex" Spearman is retired LAPD. He gives me his copies of your newsletters. I was with LAPD from 1957 to 1964 assigned to S.I.D.

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed photograph. I do not remember the year I took it. Homicide Detective Hector Garcia in bed at Central Receiving Hospital recovering from being shot in the face. Garcia is enjoying a Chinese meal provided by Alan Lum, owner of a local gathering spot in Chinatown.

Also pictured is Thad Brown, then Chief of Detectives—later Temporary Chief of Police.

Garcia's partner, Jose (Joe the Bear)



Castianos (not sure of the spelling), was killed in the shooting.

I left the LAPD and joined the Orange County Sheriff's Department on Sept. 14, 1964, as a regular deputy assigned to Crime Scene Investigator. Later I was promoted to Investigator II January, 1993, assigned to the Burglary Detail, and in October, 1993, transferred to the Narcotics Detail where I spent my last five years working undercover street narcotic investigations. I retired OCSD November, 1979, due to on-the-job injuries.

I am now the Public Relations Chairman of the USS Arizona Reunion Association and a member of the Board of Directors. I hope your readers will check out our Web site at www.usaarizona.org. Sincerely,

Budd Nease
Murrieta, CA
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Dear Editor

Hi, my name is Officer Ryan White. I am a U.S. Marine which just returned home from a tour of duty in Iraq. While in Bagdad, I received a gun shot wound. I just wanted to drop you all a quick line to thank you for the support & the "get well" gift you sent me. Semper FI and God bless

SSGT White

END OF WATCH



NAME: Dolores J. Andrews #3208
RANK: Policewoman III
ASSIGNED TO: University
BORN: October 22, 1918
APPOINTED: February 1, 1939
RETIRE: October 1, 1967
DIED: July 14, 2003

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NAME: Robert J. Leete #5256
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood
BORN: December 4, 1918
APPOINTED: January 5, 1948
RETIRE: November 5, 1969
DIED: August 8, 2003

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NAME: David W. Weible #5220
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: TED
BORN: March 9, 1922
APPOINTED: November 24, 1947
RETIRE: March 23, 1953
DIED: August 12, 2003

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NAME: Kenneth Lefever #34121
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ACTIVE:
DIED: August 15, 2003

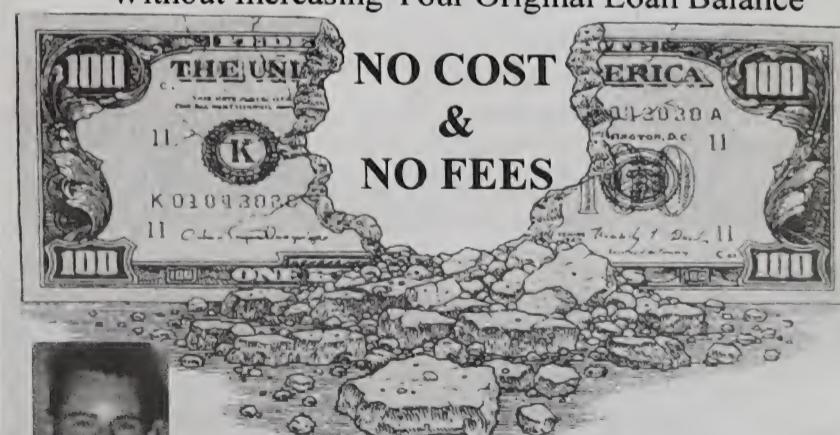
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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

by Timothy H.B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

We are heading into the "home stretch" of the 2003 Legislative Session, with some major issues remaining that are still on the table. Of course, every thing is now colored by the recall and by recall politics as that subject not only dominates the media but all capitol politics as well. By the time you read this column, it is entirely possible we will have experienced a political tidal wave of epic proportions. At this point, it would appear likely that Governor Davis will be recalled and that California will have a new Governor. However, six weeks is a long time in politics, maybe longer if the courts get involved, and what will happen is any body's guess. At this point it looks like it will be Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger versus Democrat Cruz Bustamante, plus over a hundred "also rans."

I am very pleased to report to you that public safety fared well in this budget, and was generally considered to be one of the budget "winners." We were able to keep VLF funding for cities and counties, substantially keep our COPS and Juvenile Justice funding (with 10% reduction), retained full POST and Booking Fee funding, and retained funding for public safety in most other programs. The tech grants funding was cut. The biggest concern at the end was the \$850 million "gap" in the VLF which the state has agreed to repay to local government over the next three years.

The budget was the League's number one priority in 2003, given the fact that we faced a potential layoff of up to 1200 police officers at the beginning of the year, and we fared extremely well. However, next year will be another major challenge.

SB 440 (Burton, D, San Francisco) reenacts **SB 402**, our binding arbitration bill from 1999, except it makes technical changes to address the Supreme Court's decision in the *Riverside DSA* case. This

bill now allows a Board of Supervisors or a City Council to overturn the decision of the Arbitrator by unanimous vote. **SB 440** is now on the Governor's desk, and I will report to you next month on the final action of this important legislation.

AB 359 (Koretz, D, West Hollywood), sponsored by the League, was signed into law (Chapter 104, Stats 2003). This bill came about because of many work permit problems involving League members. **AB 359** provides expressly that a peace officer has a right to work off duty, subject to department policies or the provisions of an employee memorandum of understanding (M.O.U.). The bill further provides that any denial of an off duty work permit must be made in writing, specifying the reasons for denial.

SB 221 (Romero, D, Los Angeles), sponsored by the League, will resolve the decade long dispute regarding whether an officer's POST Certificate should be regarded as an "revocable license," which management could pull

for reasons like "moral turpitude." We have been able to secure the support of the California Police Chief's Association and POST, in addition to almost every rank and file peace officer organization, in legally prohibiting POST from becoming a peace officer licensing agency. Unfortunately, the California State Sheriffs' Association will not support this landmark bill. **SB 221** is on the Governor's Desk awaiting signature and special recognition and thanks should go to Director Ted Hunt for his tireless work on this bill.

Finally, there is considerable debate over the issue of workers' compensation. A legislative conference committee has been appointed to deal with this issue. One of our bills, **AB 968** (Correa, D, Santa Ana) has been sent to that conference committee, as well as 14 other measures. We will closely monitor the progress on our bill, as well as new workers' comp "reforms," to make sure our members are protected from any loss of benefits.

Until next time, stay safe!

LOS ANGELES POLICE PROTECTIVE LEAGUE 2003-2004 STATE LEGISLATIVE "HOT LIST" FALL REPORT

2003 – 2004 STATE BUDGET

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
COPS Funding	Would reauthorize \$100 million state funding for "Cops on the Street"	Approved
COPS Tech Grants 2002	Would authorize \$18 million state funding for purchases of police equipment and technology.	Defeated
VLF Funding	Would eliminate \$4.2 billion in VLF reimbursements to cities and counties.**	Defeated
POBR	Would suspend reimbursements for POBR**	Defeated

**Actively opposed by the League.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

BILL	AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	LAPPL POSITION	BILL STATUS
AB 112	Goldberg	Would limit application of "Three Strikes."	Active Oppose	Assembly Inactive File
AB 140	Levine	Increases penalties for evading "police pursuits."	Active Support	Assembly Appropriations
AB 187	Runner Garcia	Protects members of Armed Forces from discrimination.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 138, Stats 2003
AB 319	Frommer	Prohibits juveniles convicted of serious crime from owning or possessing firearms.	Active Support	Gov's Desk
AB 359	Koretz	Requires written notification and reason therefore to officers denied off duty employment.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Signed into Law Ch. 104, Stats 2003
AB 834	La Suer	Requires complaints shown to be unfounded, exonerated, or frivolous be removed from dept.'s files.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Assembly Public Safety

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BILL	AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	LAPPL POSITION	BILL STATUS
AB 933	Reyes	Includes stepchild for special death benefits allowed for children of officers killed in line of duty.	Active Support	Senate Floor
AB 960	La Suer	Establishes public safety officer – peer support privilege.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Senate Judiciary
AB 968	Correa	Creates Workers' Compensation bio-terrorism coverage.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Conference Committee
AB 992	Ridley Thomas	Increases sales tax on sale of ammunition.	Active Oppose	Assembly Inactive File
AB 1077	Wesson	Expands ways for filing complaints against law enforcement officers.	Active Oppose	Senate Floor
AB 1081	Maddox	Allows officers their own access to files when frivolous lawsuits are filed against them.	Active Support	Senate Public Safety
AB 1119	Wesson	Establishes "early warning system" for law enforcement officers.	Active Oppose	Senate Floor
AB 1156	Nunez	Provides employee of local public agencies & employee orgs may challenge a rule of public agency as a violation of Meyers-Milias Brown Act.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch 215, Stats 2003
AB 1198	Dutton	Keeps POST information regarding personnel records confidential.	Active Support	Senate Public Safety
AB 1324	Steinberg	Creates a workers' comp presumption for dependents of peace officers who contact blood-borne infectious disease.	Active Support	Conference Committee
AB 1432	Firebaugh	Eliminates statutory double jeopardy concerning conviction by foreign government.	Active Support	Assembly Appropriations
ACR 135	Runner	Designates a portion of Highway 138 as the Deputy Steven Sorensen Memorial Highway.	Active Support	Adopted

SENATE BILLS

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Los Angeles, CA, August 14, 2003—A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter from the California Army National Guard was saved from destruction last month while supporting "I" Corps Stryker Brigade at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. Just after the helicopter landed in a remote training area, an unoccupied Army Hummer (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle – HMMWV M998 truck) rolled down a slope towards the running rotary-wing aircraft. A crewman on board, Sgt. Chris Shaw, got out of the aircraft and ran towards the Hummer. Sgt. Shaw jumped into the moving Hummer and stopped it before crashing into the helicopter. Pilot CW4 Charlie McRoberts stated: "While we were shutting down the aircraft, I noticed a Hum-Vee coming right for us. There was no one in the driver's seat. The next thing I remember is Sgt. Shaw disconnecting his helmet from the ICS system and running towards the moving Hummer. It was unbelievable." Sgt. Shaw was later presented a certificate "Hero of the Rotation" and a "Hero of the Battlefield" challenge coin by the Officer-in-Charge, Operations Group, National Training Center, Fort Irwin. All of the Aircrewmen are residents of the Southern California area and are all part-time guardsmen. ♦



Sergeant Chris Shaw is a full-time Police Officer with the City of Los Angeles, assigned to the West Los Angeles Patrol Division. For the last 18 years, Shaw has been a military helicopter crewman for the U.S. Navy and the California Army National Guard.

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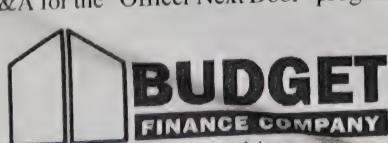
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The Extent of Medical Treatment for Work-Related Injuries

by Robert J. Sherwin
Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke & Sherwin

Several articles have been written in the past in an attempt to educate police officers on the proper selection of treating physicians for your work-related injuries. While many of you follow the advice of pre-designating a treating physician, the question is often asked: "What is the extent of the treatment that my doctor can provide?" In other words, just what can the doctor do to help me get better?

Medical treatment issues are frequently the subject of litigation before the workers' compensation appeals board. Indeed, medical treatment in workers' compensation has generated a great deal of publicity in the past year as being the source of all evil and the direct cause of California's ailing economy. Rather than focus on ineptitude by insurance carriers and claims administration, injured workers and doctors have become the focal point for alleged abuse in the system and reason we are again facing "workers' compensation reform." Realistically, by the time this article reaches *Blue Line* readers, the California legislature will have passed legislation severely affecting your rights on medical treatment. Before discussing what you probably face, let's examine current law.

The labor code provides that an injured worker is entitled to all medical treatment reasonably required to cure or relieve from the effects of an industrial injury. This includes surgery, chiropractic care, acupuncture, all hospital treatment including nursing, medicine, surgical supplies, crutches, and orthopedic appliances. These modes of treatment seem obvious and one might wonder, what could be in dispute? Often it is the extent of the treatment being recommended by the treating physician that is challenged by your employer, the City of Los Angeles. The orthopedist may recommend physical therapy, chiropractic care or even acupuncture for a period of time which the carrier feels is excessive. The city, through its workers' compensation adjusting agency (Cambridge Integrated Services), may after a period of treatment contend the treatment is no longer beneficial and send the worker to their own "QME" to obtain a medical report in rebuttal to the treating physician. When this occurs, the parties end up at the workers' compensation appeals board litigating the issue before a judge while the police officer is without treatment.

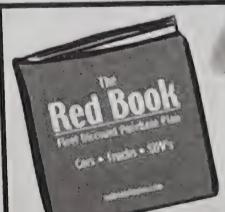
Medical treatment may also include items beyond the ordinary such as an orthopedic mattress for a severely injured back; a Jacuzzi tub or spa for therapeutic measures; home nursing care following surgery; home child care to assist a single parent following surgery; household care including cleaning to assist a severely injured worker. A word of caution: before you call your attorney and request he/she get such items authorized for your injury, it is imperative your treating physician describe in detail why such care or items are necessary to "cure and relieve" you from the effects of your injury. A simple prescription for a new mattress won't work and will normally be met with immediate rejection. Further, never purchase such items on your own without prior authorization from the claims adjustor and "assume" you will be reimbursed for your out-of-pocket expenses. It is unwise to pick up the Yellow Pages and hire a contractor to install an expensive Jacuzzi in the backyard and then expect it will be paid by your workers' compensation carrier. Most importantly, do not assume that because you have a back injury with "lifetime" medical care, that this means you now get a new orthopedic mattress! As stated above, your doctor must be specific as to why such an item is necessary, and it is often disputed by the carrier.

You are also entitled to transportation costs to and from your doctor and all related treatment. If you are able to drive, you will be reimbursed a flat mileage rate. If you are unable to drive because of your injury, the city is responsible for arranging transportation which could include taxicab fare or even medical van transportation.

What does the future hold for medical treatment in California? Most likely, doctors will be limited in what they can charge the carrier for treatment, including surgery

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Red Light Cameras and the Law

by Judge Ross Klein

"Electronic enforcement systems," "automatic traffic enforcement systems," and "red light cameras" are used interchangeably to describe systems which are activated when a driver's vehicle commits a specific traffic violation, resulting in a photograph being taken of the driver, the vehicle and the vehicle's license plate. The systems are designed to photograph vehicles and drivers traveling in excess of a predetermined speed who enter an intersection a predetermined time after the signal has turned red. There are currently 13 states that use red light cameras—Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, as well as the District of Columbia. California is the state with the most communities employing the cameras, 26, out of a total of 70 communities throughout the United States (www.hwyssafety.org). Los Angeles County's first system was in 1988 in Pasadena where drivers and vehicles were photographed if they exceeded a pre-selected speed. Current law does not allow the use of cameras to cite a driver for speeding, only for the enforcement of an "official traffic control device" as defined in Vehicle Code Section 440.

Local authorities may regulate by traffic control devices (Section 21100(c)(d)). California law has long established that traffic control signals apply to drivers and it is a violation of

law to disobey a control device (Section 21461).

Section 210 defines an "automated enforcement system" as any system operated by a governmental agency, in cooperation with a law enforcement agency, that photographically records a driver's responses to an official traffic control signal and is designed to obtain a clear photograph of a vehicle's license plate and the driver of the vehicle. Section 21455.5(c) allows the registered owner, or any individual identified by the registered owner at the driver at the time of the alleged violation, to review the photographic evidence of the charged violation.

California's laws regulating automated enforcement systems are embodied in Vehicle Code sections 21455.5 and 21455.7. Section 21455.5(a) states that an automated enforcement system may be installed if both of the following requirements are met: (1) the system is identified by signs clearly indicating the system's presence, visible either to traffic approaching from all directions or posted at all major entrances to the city; and (2) the system is located at an intersection that meets the criteria noted in Section 21455.7. Section 21455.7 reiterates the requirement in Section 210 that only a governmental agency, in cooperation with a law enforcement agency, may operate an automated enforcement system. The Caltrans specifications for signs requires a minimum size of 30 inches by 42 inches.

Section 21455.7 discusses the min-

imum length of the yellow lights; it states that the minimum yellow light change interval shall be established in accordance with the Traffic Manual of the Department of Transportation. According to the 1998 Caltrans Manual Update, if the approaching speed is 25 mph or less, the yellow light interval is to be a minimum of 3.0 seconds; 30 mph-3.2 secs; 35 mph-3.6 secs; 40 mph-3.9 secs; 45 mph-4.6 secs; and 50 mph-4.7 secs.

In a case that received wide publicity, the court suppressed the evidence of the red light cameras since the city of San Diego had delegated the entire operation and supervision of the red light system to Lockheed Martin and also found that Lockheed Martin had ceased to become a disinterested system operator since it received a fee for every violation (*In re: Red Light Camera Cases, People of the State of California v. John Allen, et al., Case No. 57927SD, September 4, 2002, unpublished*).

Upon a possible red light camera violation, Section 40518(a) requires that the notice must be delivered by mail within 15 days. Subsection (b) states that the notice shall contain specific information—the name and address of the person, the license plate number of the person's vehicle, the violation charged, and the time and place when the person may appear in court at least ten days after the notice is delivered. If the person receiving the notice was not the driver, he may file an "affidavit of nonliability" pursuant to section 40520 in which the registered

owner identifies the person who was the driver of the vehicle at the time of the claimed violation. Section 21455.5 also requires that prior to issuing citations, the city is to issue warning notices for 30 days. The photographs taken by the system are confidential (Sections 21455(b), 21362.5(b)).

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (Status Report, Vol 37, No 9, Oct. 26, 2002) notes that a state audit finds that the cameras have resulted in fewer traffic accidents and have not generated large amounts of revenue. According to the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE Journal, March, 2003), the use of red light cameras enjoys wide public support. The article cites a 2002 Harris poll in which 83% of the U.S. public supports red light enforcement. The article further notes that the use of the cameras has significantly reduced intersection violations and crashes in communities throughout the United States.

At the time of this writing, Assembly Bill 1022 has been passed by both the California Senate and Assembly and awaits implementation. It would, among other provisions, prohibit camera companies from selecting the locations for installation or receiving payment based on the number of convictions, make mandatory the existing minimum yellow lights interval requirements established by Caltrans, and require the shredding of photographs after six months. ♦

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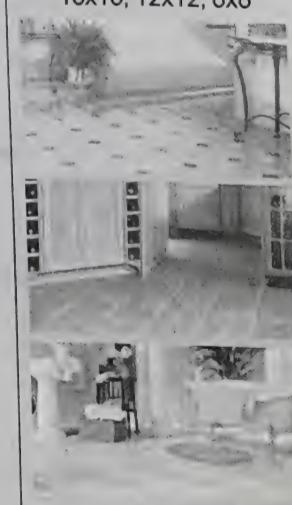
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Work-Related Injuries

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Legislation has been proposed to limit doctors to 125% of what physicians can now charge for Medicare patients. This obviously will have a chilling effect on treating work comp patients just as it has with Medicare patients.

Legislation has also been proposed to limit chiropractic care and physical therapy sessions to a specified number per year. Currently there is no limit so long as the treatment is "reasonable and necessary." Most private health plans limit physical therapy or chiropractic care regardless of the number of injuries one may suffer in a year or even if the therapy is post surgery. The current legislative "thinking" is that workers' compensation treatment should be no better than

what a worker has through his/her private health plan. Further it is believed that extensive physical therapy or chiropractic treatment is not helpful to the injured employee and only increases workers' compensation costs to the employer. Many police officers, however, find that chiropractic care on a maintenance basis enables them to stay at a tolerable pain level and continue working. Limiting or terminating that care may result in more police officers losing time from work or even filing for disability retirement. While there are certainly abuses in the workers' compensation system with the extent of medical care, hopefully the legislature will strike a balance as to what is cost effective for the employer and the needs of the injured worker.

FYI – Officer Safety

On July 31, 2003, Culver City police officers stopped a 1994 Acura Legend. During the stop, the officers discovered that the passenger side airbag compartment appeared as though it was depressed into the dashboard. The airbag compartment on this type of vehicle would normally appear slightly bubbled. The air bag compartment was pulled up and revealed a chrome semi-automatic pistol lying next to three small plastic bags of cocaine.

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The workers' compensation system went through a so called "reform" in 1993, which for the most part resulted in a loss of rights and benefits for the injured worker. Part of the reform was the deregulation of the insurance industry so insurance carriers could be "more competitive" as they claimed that soaring costs were driving businesses and insurance companies from California. Sound familiar? As the carriers reduced their premiums to employers to compete with each other, they found their profits shrinking, resulting in their current so called "crisis," which they are now passing on to employers with increased rates. In October, you will be asked to

vote in a recall election where several candidates are proposing to change the workers' compensation system in the interests of our ill. They are promising to "haul" the system once again by reducing benefits. Police officers work too hard and place their lives on the line every day. When you are injured, you should be afforded appropriate benefits, including all medical treatment that is "reasonable and necessary" to cure and relieve you from the effects of your injury. Think about what benefits you currently have and what you may lose when October rolls around.

Stay safe!

LAPD IN IRAQ



Standing in the middle is Detective II Mike Kozak. He was activated in February 2003 and was shipped out to Iraq in April, where he remains. He's a major in the US Army Guard. This was taken in July '03 along the Tigris River. All of us in the SID Polygraph Unit, where Mike was last assigned, miss him very much.

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LAPD Officer Acquitted of Charges in Shooting Death of Homeless Woman

by Michael P. Stone, Esq.

Officer Edward Larrigan Cleared by Federal and County Grand Juries, as Well as of Department Charges in "Margaret Mitchell Case"

LAPD Officer Edward Larrigan has been cleared of criminal charges by federal and county grand juries, and of the two remaining counts of administrative misconduct arising out of the May 21, 1999, fatal shooting of Margaret Mitchell, who attacked the officer with a long screwdriver as he and his partner officer attempted to detain her for investigation of the theft of a shopping cart, on La Brea south of Fourth Street. Michael P. Stone, his attorney throughout all of these proceedings, announced that a 12-day trial before a Los Angeles Police Department Board of Rights panel ended in "not guilty" findings for Larrigan on both counts.

Larrigan and Officer Kathy Clark were assigned to bike patrol in Wilshire Division when they attempted to investigate Mitchell's possession of a shopping cart containing her personal belongings. A significant part of Wilshire bike officers' duties is focused on the community problems associated with homeless transients. Margaret Mitchell had a history of contacts with Wilshire officers. She was presumed to be mentally ill, as well as homeless, and had exhibited paranoid behaviors when contacted by officers in the past.

On this occasion, the officers saw Mitchell pushing the cart south on La Brea. As Larrigan paralleled her travel southbound, he noticed the screwdriver handle protruding from a bundle of clothes inside the cart. He alerted Clark to the presence of the screwdriver as he attempted to verbalize with Mitchell in an effort to get her to stop long enough

for a field interview and investigation. These efforts were met by Mitchell's irrational outburst of threats to kill the officers and profanity. Larrigan persisted in his efforts to calm Mitchell and persuade her to submit peacefully to a brief investigatory interview.

The officers were able to temporarily contain Mitchell at the corner of La Brea and Fourth Street. They dismounted and continued to try to calm the woman down. But, as Larrigan stepped off his bicycle, Mitchell forcefully rammed the cart at the officer. He blocked the blow with his foot. Mitchell pulled the screwdriver from the cart and threatened and menaced the officer with slashing and stabbing motions. Meanwhile, the officers drew their pistols. Larrigan alerted Clark that he would "attempt OC." As he began to ease his oleoresin capsicum ("pepper spray" or "OC") canister out of the holster, a citizen motorist waiting at the intersection began honking his car horn frantically and yelling, "Don't shoot her! Don't shoot her!" The motorist alighted from his car and rushed to where Mitchell was backed up against a planter, effectively contained by the officers. As the motorist approached within ten feet of Mitchell, she slashed and jabbed the screwdriver toward him.

Fearing that the motorist might be injured, Larrigan reholstered his OC, approached the motorist, took him by the arm and assisted him back to his car. But the momentary distraction permitted Mitchell to slip out of the containment. She picked up speed walking briskly south, with the officers following on foot.

Suddenly, Mitchell whirled around and lunged toward Larrigan thrusting the screwdriver toward his throat. Officer Larrigan stepped to the left and

back, when his left foot slipped off the curb. He involuntarily dropped to one knee and simultaneously raised his weapon and fired one round into Mitchell's chest. Her sudden charge brought her nearly within arm's reach of Larrigan. Mitchell collapsed and died a short time later at the hospital.

The specter of two young, white, fit and able armed officers involved in a street confrontation with a mentally ill, homeless black woman who weighed barely 100 pounds, which resulted in her death by police gunfire, unleashed a groundswell of protest. Predictably, charges that the shooting was motivated by racial animus, or at least resulted from callous indifference based on Ms. Mitchell's race, quickly followed. Criminal federal and county grand jury investigations were commenced and ran simultaneously for months. Meanwhile, the Department initiated the customary Use of Force Review Board (UOFRB) process. The decedent's survivors brought a civil rights action against the officers and the city, filed by civil rights attorney Leo Terrell, known for his bombastic and combative style of litigating "police brutality" cases against Los Angeles area departments.

After thorough investigation by the Robbery-Homicide Division's Officer-Involved Shooting (RHD-OIS) Section team, led by the very able Det. III Raul Reyna, the Mitchell case followed the typical course. Officer-involved shooting cases in the LAPD are typically analyzed in the five-member Review Board process along three independent lines: (1) drawing and exhibiting the weapon; (2) tactics; and (3) shooting. The board in this case recommended to Chief Bernard Parks that the drawing be found "in policy," the tactics be found "out of policy-training," and the shooting be found "in policy." The lone dissenter, Deputy Chief Moore, recommended that the tactics be ruled "out of policy—administrative disapproval." Parks adopted the dissenter's view. The final say, however, rested with the Police Commission.

The Mitchell case set up one of the very rare conflicts between the Chief of Police and the Police Commission over the findings. In fact, the last occasion in

this writer's memory was the feud between the Commission and Chief Daryl F. Gates over yet another fatal shooting by two white LAPD officers in 1979 of a mentally ill black woman named Eula Love.¹ Armed with a kitchen knife. There as here, non-police government officials, laypersons, media and others not familiar with police use of lethal force could not comprehend how a single, mentally ill female armed with "only" a knife or a screwdriver, could present a sufficiently credible threat to justify the use of lethal force, even if the woman did attack.

By the time the Mitchell case arrived in the Police Commission, the relatively new office of the Inspector General ("IG") had developed into a politically-influential investigatory arm of the Commission. IG staffers went to work, led by Inspector General Jeffrey Egash, to "reinvestigate" the RHD-OIS and UOFRB determinations. That process in turn resulted in the Commission voting 3-2 to find both Officer Larrigan's tactics and the shooting out of policy. The vote was 5-0 finding Larrigan's drawing in policy (although even the drawing of his weapon was not without controversy—Commission Executive Director Joe Gunn opined the drawing was "out of policy" [premature] but the shooting was "in policy").

Because the Commission "overruled" Chief Parks in part, Larrigan was charged and ordered to a Board of Rights. Larrigan's counsel delayed the Board, however, due to the ongoing civil action and the federal and state grand jury proceedings. First, the civil action settled for a substantial sum in favor of Ms. Mitchell's brother who came from somewhere to collect damages for the admittedly tragic death of his homeless sister. Then, the Los Angeles District Attorney wrapped up his grand jury with an excellent and comprehensive analysis of the varying accounts of the shooting, including that of a motorcycle officer who was across La Brea on a traffic stop, and later called the shooting "unnecessary." He also claimed to be represented by (you got it) Leo Terrell.

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¹ See: Hopson v. City of Los Angeles (1983) Cal.App.3d 347 – Hopson and O'Callahan, the officers who shot Eula Love, were "disciplined" by the Commission, which insisted, over Chief Gates' refusal to condemn the shooting, in placing the Commission report on the shooting, which was highly critical of the officers, in their personnel records. The Hopson and O'Callahan case featured an unusually open and notorious political shootout between Gates and the liberal-leaning Commission over who has the final policymaking say over discipline in the LAPD. In this case, the officers were aligned with their Chief, against the Commission. Strange bedfellows, some might say, but those were interesting times, and the author was privileged to play a small role in the litigation as a new member of George Franscell's law firm in Los Angeles, under lead counsel for the officers, Steven Lincoln Paine, one of the most impressive lawyers in the business. City Charter §1070 clearly provides that the Chief of Police shall be the final disseminator in matters of political discipline. But, the Commission has the final say in whether a shooting is within policy. So, we are set to replay the Edna Love controversy unless the Commission reconsiders its decision in light of the "not guilty" findings at the Board of Rights.

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Finally, the Department of Justice closed the federal grand jury investigation with no indictment.

The way cleared for the Board of Rights, hearings got underway in early 2002, and continued for 12 days throughout the rest of the year and into 2003. In May, the board announced its findings that Officer Larrigan is not guilty of either the "out of policy shooting" of Ms. Mitchell, or the charge of deficient tactics. Probably the two primary factual issues that were litigated and were pivotal in the board's rejection of all of the previous reviewers' findings were: (1) whether Larrigan's tactics were deficient such that he unnecessarily made himself vulnerable to attack by Ms. Mitchell; and (2) whether at the time Larrigan shot, Mitchell in fact "lunged" at his throat with the screwdriver. As to those critics who claimed Larrigan missed a "golden opportunity" to disarm Mitchell when she rammed the cart at him at Fourth and La Brea as he dismounted, the board found that Mitchell did not release her grip on the cart. Had Larrigan tried to wrestle the cart away from her, Mitchell could have easily attacked him with the screwdriver then. The board found that the "good Samaritan" citizen motorist did unwittingly interfere, permitting Mitchell to escape the containment, where she otherwise could have been kept immobile until the arrival of more officers. The board also found that Mitchell's attack was sudden and unprovoked, and clearly presented a serious threat to Larrigan,

justifying the use of lethal force.

Learning Points

Like almost every major dynamic use of force event, the Mitchell shooting can be instructive on a couple of points. But before getting on to them, let us stress that none of the extra precautions would necessarily have been outcome determinative. What effect, if any, would have resulted from the application of one or more of them is pure speculation or the equally unhelpful "shoulda, coulda, woulda."

1. Radio communications – the first notification by either officer to dispatch occurred when Larrigan called in to request additional help one to two seconds before Mitchell attacked the officer. You can hear her yelling and cursing as Larrigan opened his portable radio mike attached to his shirt. He barely gave his call sign and began to ask for additional help when the transmission abruptly cuts off, as Mitchell charges and Larrigan shoots. Within five seconds, Larrigan is back calling for "units for crowd control, a supervisor and an R.A." In fact, it may have been Larrigan's call for help, heard by Mitchell which caused her to suddenly whirl around and charge at Larrigan. The various reviewers criticized the officers for not "going Code Six at Fourth and La Brea" (stopped for investigation) earlier. However, analysis of the Wilshire frequency tapes by the defense revealed that a lengthy crime broadcast with suspect and vehicle description was being issued by another Wilshire field unit which was

more than long enough to cover the period it took for Mitchell to slip out of the containment, head south for about one-third block, and attack Larrigan. Indeed, Larrigan's broadcast begins precisely at the end of the crime broadcast, lending more support to the suggestion that the officers called as soon as they could, and that the act of calling for help may have been the catalyst that prompted Mitchell to attack.

The Board of Rights visited the scene with the parties and the court reporter near the same time of day and took note of the heavy traffic and volume of pedestrian movement, as well as the other numerous persons present (in and around a large new car dealership which runs the entire block from Fourth Street south of La Brea to the point the shooting occurred). There were several "eye witnesses" in and around the dealership. The board members asked Larrigan to "walk through" the event with the board observing, noting, listening, measuring and timing. Everyone was amazed at how quickly the event unfolded.

2. Dealing with the Mentally Ill – Despite the officers' early recognition that Ms. Mitchell was probably mentally ill, and even with Larrigan's calm, reassuring approach, this tactic did not result in a successful conclusion—whether and how this event might have been handled better in view of Mitchell's obvious impairment is better answered by professionals in that specialty. Beyond doubt, however, encounters with mentally ill persons are frequent, and training should emphasize alternative methods to defuse a volatile encounter when the obvious methods (such as getting more help) do not work or are unavailable.

3. Critical Reconstruction and Review – Any lethal force case, but particularly one like this where the use of force is clearly controversial, needs to be as carefully reconstructed in the same way as a major criminal homicide. Every physical, factual, evidentiary, time and sight/view variable must be analyzed to determine whether each variable played a role in

the outcome. Walk-throughs at the scene with the participant officers close in time to the event is an absolute must.

5. Defensive Tactics – Training, training, training. What more needs to be said? Again, no amount of training may have avoided the unhappy outcome in this case, because the officers' movements, verbalization, planning and communication were tactically sound, as was noted by Chairperson Captain Richard Wemmer, himself an officer safety and tactics expert and trainer. Officer Larrigan's training and quick reaction may have saved him from serious injury or death. Regardless, training reduces officer and suspect injuries and deaths.

The rationale for the not guilty findings announced by Chairman Wemmer was thoughtful and thorough. Some passages follow below.

The Board of Rights Los Angeles Police Department

In the Matter of, No. B.F. 18879

EDWARD LARRIGAN, CF 00-0149

No. 30834

RATIONALE ON ACCUSED

FINDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003

BEFORE: CAPTAIN RICHARD C.

WEMMER, CHAIRMAN

CAPTAIN JOHN E. EGAN,

ASSOCIATE

MR. DAVID B. SHAPIRO, ESQ.,

ASSOCIATE

CAPTAIN WEMMER: "After evaluating the exhibits and the witnesses' testimony, this board has reached unanimous decision for Counts 1 and 2. These findings are based on the evaluation of 13 witnesses and the review of 49 exhibits.

Starting June 17th of 2002, the board members were present while the advocate, Sergeant Vito Palazzolo, and Officer Edward Larrigan's representatives, Attorney Michael Stone and Sergeant Gary Fredo, questioned witnesses and identified exhibits for submission. This board then met on 11 additional occasions.

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sions: June 17, June 19, June 20, September 18, October 18, and December 19 of 2002; and January 6, January 31, February 5, February 12, and February 18 of 2003.

The February 5th date involved a visit to the scene, where the board was accompanied by the associate advocate, the defense attorney and representative, the accused, and the court reporter.

On Thursday, May 8th, only the board members met to determine findings. On this occasion, the board reviewed 49 exhibits—11 from the defense, 21 from the Department, and 17 joint exhibits—and the witnesses' testimony.

Consequently, today, May 12, 2003, the board will report our findings. Regarding Count 1, "On or about May 21, 1999, you, while on duty, utilized deficient tactics prior to and leading up to an officer-involved-shooting incident, resulting in an administrative disapproval." This board finds you not guilty.

In making this decision, the board considered a variety of different factors. These factors included the exhibits produced by the Department and the defense, our experiences, and the testimony of all witnesses, especially Officer Larrigan and Officer Clark, who were found to be credible and convincing.

Before I continue, it is important to note that Officer Clark's name has changed since the incident. Her new name is Roditas. However, throughout these findings she will be referred to as Officer Clark.

The board recognizes that tactical situations are dynamic and ever-changing. Tactical situations require that officers are properly trained, aware of their surroundings, and responsible for making critical and split-second decisions that will impact the involved parties and officers forever. That's the case in this incident.

This incident started at Third Street and La Brea Avenue as the type of pedestrian stop that the involved officers had experienced before. That being said, quote, "routine," end quote, is not a word that can ever be part of a police officer's vocabulary. That was also true in this incident.

The involved officers, Larrigan and Clark, were assigned partners on the bicycle detail with specific missions. One of these missions was the enforce-

ment of the Business and Professions Code related to stolen shopping carts.

Testimony from the involved officers indicated that the contact with Ms. Mitchell started off in a nonconfrontational way. Unfortunately, at Ms. Mitchell's choosing, it did not stay that way long. The officers utilized appropriate tactics in their initial contact. Larrigan was the contact officer, and Clark was the cover officer. They followed their general plan that they had previously discussed as to how they would handle their investigative stops.

Once Ms. Mitchell did not comply with their lawful and proper directions and questions, the situation began to change. Larrigan noticed that Ms. Mitchell had a screwdriver and communicated this to Clark. However, Ms. Mitchell began to act in an irrational manner. Thus, the officers realized they needed to detain Ms. Mitchell for further investigation. But Ms. Mitchell continued to walk away from the officers, continuing southbound on La Brea.

At the corner of Fourth Street and La Brea, Ms. Mitchell stopped in front of a car dealership. The officers dismounted their bicycles and approached Ms. Mitchell. Ms. Mitchell pushed the shopping cart at Larrigan. Larrigan reacted while dismounting his bicycle and kicked the cart back with his foot.

However, Ms. Mitchell never released the shopping cart and withdrew a 12-inch screwdriver from the cart, waving the screwdriver at the officers in a threatening manner. All the while Ms. Mitchell was shouting obscenities and threats at the officers.

The officers deployed on Ms. Mitchell and had her contained, using a triangle deployment. Officer Larrigan testified that they had her, quote, "corralled," end quote, with her back against a large planer. While the situation was very charged, the officers were in a position to control Mitchell's movements and minimize the threat that she posed to community members and the officers.

It is at this moment in time that a single important event occurs that changes the entire dynamic of the officers' contact with Ms. Mitchell. A quote, "good Samaritan," end quote, interjects himself into the situation. Consequently, the officers are immediately forced to deal not only with an obviously distraught woman waving a screwdriver and shouting obscenities, but also a possible victim.

The only ones at risk prior to the good Samaritan's involvement were the two

officers. With the best of intentions, the good Samaritan placed himself into the middle of this crisis. Unfortunately, he talked to Ms. Mitchell and the officers and approached Ms. Mitchell. The officers are now faced with dealing with Ms. Mitchell's threats and the good Samaritan's distractions. Their attention is split between these responsibilities.

Just prior to the good Samaritan's involvement, Officer Larrigan was preparing to deploy his chemical agent, oleoresin capsicum. Instead, Larrigan must now abort the deployment of chemical agent and remove the good Samaritan from harm's way.

While the two officers were distracted by the good Samaritan, Ms. Mitchell used this opportunity to slip away from the two officers and headed south on La Brea. This is the tipping point in this contact. The threat that was contained is now no longer contained and is loose in the community.

Recognizing the importance of understanding and viewing the physical space and time involved in this incident, the board conducted a site visit on February 5, 2003. This visit allowed us to see firsthand where the incident occurred and, more importantly, where the individuals were at different points in time.

This visit helped solidify the testimony heard by the board and enabled us to resolve the timeline of events that began when the officers were dismounting their bicycles at the corner of Fourth and La Brea through the moment that the use of deadly force occurred.

It further allowed the board to walk the same sidewalk that the involved parties did, providing a sense of how quickly the events unfolded once Ms. Mitchell was no longer contained. The board members walked this sidewalk and esti-

mated it took from 20 to 30 seconds, if not shorter, from the time that Ms. Mitchell escaped the containment and the officer-involved-shooting occurred.

That period of time is less than the time it took to read the last several sentences. Thus, the site visit allowed the board to experience firsthand how quickly this event unfolded and, as Officer Larrigan testified, quote, "went sideways," end quote.

It also allowed the board to witness the traffic flow, to hear the noise present, to note the lack of available cover; all of which impacted the tactics used by the officer.

Another issue that bears discussion deals with the witnesses. The board had the opportunity to hear from a number of the involved witnesses, including Officers Larrigan and Clark. The board questioned those witnesses and asked for clarification on a variety of points.

The board was then tasked with taking that testimony and utilizing their 50 years of collective police experience, coupled with the perspective of our community member, who has 20 years experience with the justice system, to come to the conclusions today. Unfortunately, the Use of Force Review Board and the Board of Police Commissioners did not have the luxury of personally listening to the witnesses.

The board also recognized that the ultimate responsibility for making tactical decisions rests with the involved officers in the context in which these actions occurred. They are the ones who experience firsthand the facts available

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which determine what tactics to use in a given situation. Those tactical decisions are based in large part on the actions of the suspect.

In this incident, like most tactical situations, there may have been other options available to the officers. One can only speculate as to what might have happened differently if the involved officers had responded differently.

It is important to note that the Board of Rights manual specifically cautions against the use of speculation and conjecture in reaching a finding. It is the finding of this board that while things could have been done differently, Officer Larrigan's actions and tactical decisions did not rise to the level of misconduct. Any issues associated with Officers Larrigan and Clark's tactics should be addressed via training.

As to Count 2, that, "On or about May 21, 1999, you, while on duty, were involved in an out-of-policy shooting, resulting in administrative disapproval," this board finds you not guilty.

The Department's policy authorizes the use of deadly force when it reasonably appears necessary to protect the officer or others from an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury. Department Manual volume 1/556.40, titled "The Use of Deadly Force," as

consistently applied, limits deadly force to a last resort. This policy demands objective evidence of likely serious bodily injury or death as the alternatives to the use of deadly force.

Always, the policy regards the sanctity of human life as the paramount good, and no officer may use deadly force except where, on balance, no other or better choice is available. In most, if not all, cases, the person against whom an officer uses deadly force, has dictated the course of events.

However, when an officer is considering the use of force, the officer must take every available precaution—dictated by their experience, knowledge, skills, and training—to prevent the emergence of those circumstances which necessitate deadly force. But when, notwithstanding those precautions, those circumstances prevail, then policy permits the use of deadly force.

Finally, an officer's use of deadly force is judged not in hindsight and not upon information gained later in clinical or forensic investigation. It is weighed in the light of the information known to the officer at the time.

Here, the evidence presented to the board showed that Ms. Mitchell's body was facing Officer Larrigan at a distance of one to six feet from the barrel of Officer Larrigan's firearm when the single round was fired. In the instant before that firing, according to Officers Larrigan and Clark and to the best situated remaining

witnesses, Ms. Mitchell moved or lunged toward Officer Larrigan.

In doing so, Ms. Mitchell pointed or stabbed an edged weapon, a 12-inch screwdriver, toward Officer Larrigan's head and neck. Ms. Mitchell moved so suddenly that she denied Officer Larrigan the time to utilize other reasonable options.

More circumstances than these confronted Officer Larrigan. Ms. Mitchell's assault with a deadly weapon followed a sustained, if brief, effort to escape. She exhibited a continuous and irrational refusal to follow officers' repeated commands and requests and refused to recognize the uniformed officers as peace officers. Ms. Mitchell's actions were accompanied by a stream of profanity and yelling.

Not in a vacuum, but in this context, did Ms. Mitchell confront Officer Larrigan. Officer Larrigan's response was defensive. It was reactive. It was his last, indeed his only, resort to prevent serious bodily injury or death to himself. And it was compelled in the end by the actions of the victim.

In evaluating this use of force, it is the board's solemn responsibility to ask the question whether Officer Larrigan's actions violated the Department's use of deadly force policy. The board finds that it does not.

For every speculation about what effects alternative decisions by Officer Larrigan that may have caused, the one constant that remains is Ms. Mitchell's threats. These threats endangered not only Officer Larrigan and his partner, they presented increased and endangerment to any community member whom the frenzied and irrational Ms. Mitchell may have confronted if left to leave.

Sworn to protect and serve, Officer Larrigan did not have the luxury to let her go. Rather, he went in harm's way

and, consistent with policy, acted in defense of life.

The incident involving the Los Angeles Police Department and Ms. Margaret Mitchell was a tragedy for everyone involved. Fortunately, many people have reviewed the circumstances and actions of those involved. This review included the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Police Commission's Inspector General and Commissioners, the district attorney for the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Grand Jury, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Justice, the media, the community members, and the family and friends of the people involved.

Consequently, there were differences of opinions followed by a number of suggestions that resulted in significant changes within the Los Angeles Police Department and throughout the law enforcement profession. Thus, peace officers are better prepared to deal with people whose mental illness may erupt into a violent confrontation with community members, law enforcement, officers or both.

This board has carefully and thoroughly examined all the information that was presented. The board members deeply appreciated the professionalism displayed by Sergeant Palazzolo, Mr. Stone, and Sergeant Fredo and thank them for their efforts in presenting and clarifying information.

Captain Egan or Mr. Shapiro, do you have any comments?

CAPTAIN EGAN: No.

MR. SHAPIRO: No, sir. Thank you.

CAPTAIN WEMMER: This concludes the hearing involving Officer Larrigan."

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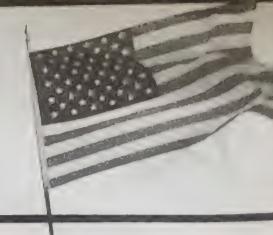


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Past Post Meeting, August 19, 2003

This is Dennis' second official meeting. He didn't do too bad. In fact, everything went quite smoothly. The board meeting started on time. I know because myself and the real cook (**Joe Albright**) were in the kitchen preparing dinner. You know, what with all of Joe's training, after this term as 2nd Vice I might make someone a good wife. (THAT WAS A JOKE!) But I have to admit, Joe can really sling the hash. After the board meeting and a short break, dinner was served. Plenty of barbecued ribs with all the fixings and watermelon for dessert. Oh, and the coffee stayed hot. Thirty-one dinners were served, and not one complaint. Not bad. Oh well, maybe everyone was just feeling sorry for me. The following comrades who signed in were recorded as being present: **Bob Reeves, Charlie Meter** (welcome back, Charlie, glad to see you amongst the living), **Gail Tam, Mike Regan III** (Mike has finally found another career, except this one does not provide a pension; but it does provide a lot of self —! Mike is the senior historian at the Los Angeles Police Museum, Mon.-Fri., either taking visitors on a tour of the facility or cataloging donations. Drop in, I know he would love to see old buddies and comrades!), **Bill Zimmerman, Frank**

Vietnam Veteran Receives the Gift of Second Sight

In 1968, during the Tet Offensive, I was a 20-year-old stationed in Vietnam. As a member of the 25th Infantry Division, I worked out of a small town called Tay Ninh, near the Parrot's Beak, at the south end of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. We were in constant fighting.

One day during the fighting, I was lying on the ground when a mortar shell hit the tree opposite me. As you can imagine, the explosion was powerful, and I was injured. After I received medical attention, I realized that I not only was lucky to be alive, but I was also lucky that my arms and legs survived the explosion. However, I lost my vision that day, and I was devastated to learn I would be permanently blind.

When I returned to my home in Lin- denhurst, New York, I had to adjust to life as a blind man. That meant physically and mentally adjusting to my new life. As part of my rehabilitation, I learned how to use a white cane, and that was my main mobility tool for a number of years.

Then came Dwight. I applied for a guide dog because I had heard good things about service animals, and I

thought a guide dog would be a good companion. But it wasn't until I returned home from the Guide Dog Foundation with Dwight that I realized how fantastic a guide dog was. Dwight was more than a companion—he made traveling quicker, safer and easier. For example, when I used to walk downtown with my cane, it would take me 30 minutes. Now, with my guide dog, it takes me just ten minutes. The freedom of mobility is fantastic.

I truly appreciate those who support the Guide Dog Foundation. Their efforts help others like me benefit from the increased independence, mobility and companionship a guide dog provides. Donors help people like me receive the magnificent gift of "second sight." (Interested in helping? Call (866) 282-8045.)

You Are Where God Wants You To Be

Next time your morning seems to be going wrong, the kids are in your bathroom, you spill coffee on your tie, you can't find the keys to the car and you hit every red signal, don't get mad or frustrated; praise God instead, because He is at work watching over you.

After September 11th, I happened to call a man during an investigation whom I didn't know and haven't, nor will probably ever talk to again. But on this particular day, he felt like talking. He was head of security for a company that had invited the remaining members of another company who had been decimated by the attack on the Twin Towers to share their office space.

With his voice full of awe, he told me stories of why these people were alive and their counterparts no longer were. In the end, all the stories were just about little things that happen to us.

You might know, the head of the company got in late that day because his son started kindergarten. Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts. There were other stories that I hope and pray will someday be gathered and put in a book. The one that struck me was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work, but before he got there developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive today. Now

when I am stuck in traffic, miss an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing telephone, all the things that annoy me, I think to myself this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying little things.

P.S. If you get a chance, ask **Mike Bissett** the circumstance surrounding the fact that both he and **Debbie** weren't on that fateful flight from Boston that morning. It will bring all this a little closer to home!

Special Days in October

- October 6, Monday – Yom Kippur.
- October 11, Saturday – Open House.
- October 12, Sunday – Bombing of the USS Cole, 2000.
- October 13, Monday – U.S. Navy established in 1775.
- October 25, Saturday – Charge of the Light Brigade, 1854.
- October 26, Sunday – End of Daylight Savings. Set your clock back one hour.
- October 27, Monday – U.S. Navy Day. Fly your flag.
- October 28, Tuesday – Birthday of the Royal Marines, 1664, 339 years old.
- October 29, Wednesday – Julie Ann Leonard's birthday.
- October 31, Friday – Halloween.

The Next Meeting of Police Post 381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be October 21, 2003, at Panorama Post 817, our home away from home, 13553 Reedley Avenue, Panorama City, (818) 781-2261. Dinner will be the normal \$5 donation. For information concerning the meeting, please call our new Commander, Dennis DeNoi or maybe the new First Lady, Cheryl DeNoi at (626) 824-5582, or Adjutant Frank Ortiz at (626) 331-4271. For anything else, call J.J. at (818) 992-1414, even if only for someone to talk to. I'll listen!

If you have moved, please inform us of your new address! If you are retired, are your dues still being deducted?

Correction: Inadvertently, last issue below the photo of J.J. Leonard and Col. **Joe Mueller**. Joe was listed as LASO. Incorrect; he is LAPD. ♦

Commander's Message

"To the Faithful Come Just Rewards"

by Dennis de Noi

As current members of the United States Armed Forces or veterans of past military service, you have earned many benefits or "Rewards." The quote above, is the translation to the motto "Fidel certa merces" that appears on the Marine Corps Honorable Discharge Certificate. You served your country well and continue to serve your community as members of the Los Angeles Police Department and the American Legion. It is time you start enjoying some of the many entitlements that are offered to service personnel and veterans. As your Commander, I felt obligated to lead by example. I never asked one of my Marines to do anything I wouldn't do and I'm not going to start now. So I packed my seabag, took hold of my Marine Corps "issued" wife, Cheryl, and headed to Hawaii to investigate a few military bennies on your behalf. It was our mission to check out the accommodations at the Hale Koa Hotel, an Armed forces Resort on Waikiki Beach, Hawaii. "Hale Koa" is Hawaiian for "House of

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Assistance for these and other phone numbers on Camp Pendleton at (760) 725-4111. In closing I want to inform you that our last Post meeting was well attended by all the regulars and a few new attendees, one in particular, **Ernie Dickens** has been member since 1946 and this was his first meeting in years. I also want to announce the Post's newest members. I had the honor of signing up two of my uncles that were visiting. The first one, **Stuart Rothchild** from New York, served in the U.S. Army as a court reporter for the Judge Advocate General, Fort Jay, New York during the Vietnam War era. **Dennis Bim** from Boulder City, Nevada, also served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era and work as a chaplain's assistant at a base in the great state of Texas. On August 25, I meet with and signed up 100% of **Recruit Class 07-03**. Welcome aboard to Recruit Officers; **David An** USGC, **John Burg** USMC, **Oscar Cordoba** USMC, **Susana Eldridge** U.S. Army, **Jason Quebec** U.S. Navy. Remember that I challenge each member of our Post to try and sign up one new comrade each month or get one comrade to accompany you to a meeting. Semper Fi, DJD. ♦

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

Fuego!

Burn, baby, burn! Van Nuys Division had our own disco inferno on August 6th. Apparently a genius of a man attempted to "Burn Down the House" but was unsuccessful. While the fine city building withstood the inferno, six black and whites were damaged, six motors and 12 bicycles were charred to a crisp. Barbecue, anyone? No one was injured, all officers are accounted for, and the suspect is in custody. I love happy endings!



The aftermath of the fire at Van Nuys Station.

Picnic Time

The Van Nuys divisional picnic was held on August 16th at the Disabled American Veteran's Park in Woodland Hills. Games, prizes, music, food and drinks were enjoyed by all. Raffle prizes were given away every 15 minutes, and people cooled off in the pool at their leisure. One of the highlights of the day was the karaoke contest. We loved when SLO **Louie Lozano** and his wife sang

"Endless Love" by Lionel Ritchie and Diana Ross. SLO **George Aguilar** and SLO **Nate Banry** were the masters of ceremonies and deejayed the event. Officer **Juan Topete**, SLO **Jose Verdin** and Lozano did a superb job barbecuing the delicious tri-tip and chicken. Special thanks to Sgt. **Paul Anderson**, Officer **Robert Lugo**, Officer **Dean DiPaola**,



The watermelon eating contest at the picnic was a juicy good time!

Sgt. **Teresa Wilson** (lifeguard extraordinaire), PSR **Martha Graham**, PCP III **Madeline Davis**, **Rebecca Buchak** and the Van Nuys Explorers for all their hard work. The picnic was a great success!

A Fun Day at Dodger Stadium

The Van Nuys Explorers were invited by Council member Wendy Greuel's office to attend a special Dodger hitting clinic held by Dodger outfielder Dave Roberts. On August 7, the Van Nuys Explorers were treated like VIPs and were escorted to the Dodger Stadium field then had the privilege to sit in the Dodger dugout. Dave Roberts was so gracious and spoke to the Explorers, gave autographs and showed them the proper way to swing the bat and run to the bases. As if that wasn't enough, the Explorers enjoyed a Dodger Dog meal. Thanks to Wendy Greuel and her staff, the Van Nuys Explorers were able to participate in an opportunity of a lifetime.

Like Father, Like Son

Det. Tom Stepan, #22588, attended



Tom and Kevin Stepan at Kevin's graduation.

his son's LAPD graduation on June 27. His son, **Kevin Stepan**, #36697, was from class 12/02 and is now assigned to the West Valley Division. Kevin proudly wears his father's old police officer badge. Congratulations on passing the academy, Kevin, and welcome to the LAPD family.

Copper Caper

A rash of robberies occurred in the 13800 block of Oxnard where the suspects were described as two male Hispanics with guns. In one of the robberies, a victim was shot and seriously wounded. S.E.U. Det. **Ben Meda**, #27715, was assigned to investigate the cases. He heard a radio broadcast of another 211 where the suspect used the same M.O. as the other robberies. Meda obtained photos of one of the suspects and began tracking down victims and witnesses, successfully receiving positive I.D.s. Suspect #1 was eventually apprehended by patrol during that radio call. Meda's continued investigation revealed the identity of suspect #2. Det. Meda quickly wrote up a search and arrest warrant on the outstanding suspect. On Aug. 26, Meda, along with Van Nuys patrol officers and detectives, successfully served the warrant and apprehended the second suspect. The case was presented to the District Attorney's office and multiple counts of 211 and ADW were filed on the two suspects. Excellent work!

Get Well

Well wishes to Det. **Pete Fernandez** who broke his shoulder on August 26 and is at home recovering. Get well soon.

Although not Van Nuys Division, but LAPD family member, Sgt. **Bill Davidson**, the I.O.D. coordinator at Hollywood Division, took a spill on his motorcycle and sustained numerous serious injuries. He is in ICU at Henry Mayo Hospital. Hang in there, Bill. We're thinking and praying for you.

Wedding Bells

Dawn Burton, Management Assistant in S.E.U., is now Dawn **Jimenez**. She married her sweetheart, Dan Jimenez in Maui on August 12. All the best to you both in your new life together. Congratulations!

Baby News

Congratulations to Officer **Bill Simonoff** and his wife Rosie on the birth of their second child. Little Andrew William Simonoff was born on June 10, 2003.

SLO **Darrell Davis** and his wife, Mindy, are the proud parents of little Darren Davis. Darren was born on August 13 and weighed in at 6 lbs. Congratulations on your new little bundle.

Comings-N-Goings

Coming in: Sgt. **I D. Siegler**, Sgt. **I D. Gomez**, Det. **I J. Stranahan**, Lt. **I R. Davis**, PIII **R. Krynsky**, PIII **W. Ortiz**, PI **S. Solley**, Lynn **Mullins**, #R1734 (Sgt. **Pickering**'s mom).

Leaving: Sgt. **I R. Puettmann** (NE), Sgt. II **D. Sameyah** (PSS), PII **D. Hayden** (ND), PII **M. Rodriguez** (VTD), S. **Nuno**, #R2425, S. **Singh**, #N2524, B. **Rivera**, #N2410.

Promotions/Remains in Van Nuys: Lt. II **D. Storaker**, PIII **M. Pearce**.

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by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

Officers to be commended: P-3 **Leonard Drayton**, #31048, and P-2 **Joseph Matassa**, #35543. On July 8, 2003, at 0025 hours, Officers assigned 16A71 responded to radio call "BFMV suspect there now at 14333 Van Nuys Blvd., suspect wearing a black jacket and blue Levis." Upon arrival, they observed the described suspect inside a gray Honda, working on the steering wheel area. Officers ordered the suspect out of the vehicle and placed him under arrest. Officers recovered a screwdriver and a pry tool on the floorboard of the vehicle, obviously used to attempt to start the vehicle. The officers also recovered narcotics paraphernalia left behind by the suspect. A pat down search of the suspect revealed five pieces of porcelain chips, which are used to break glass windows of vehicles to gain entry. Deft was booked for attempted GTA.

Officers Drayton and Matassa are to be commended for their attention to duty in responding quickly to a crime in progress, which allowed them to apprehend this GTA suspect in the act of attempting to steal a vehicle.

Foothill Detectives

Officers **Robert Plourde**, #25063,

and **Rolando Rodriguez**, #30733, working area Field Enforcement Unit. Officers attended a community meeting with the property owner of multi-building apartment complex, who claimed that a tenant who lived in one of the units was selling drugs. Officers were able to contact the owner of the apartment and she refused to cooperate with officers in their investigation of her grandson who was selling narcotics from her apartment. Officers were able to identify the grandson of the tenant as Luis Santana who had an outstanding warrant. Officers conducted several operations to surveil the location, with negative results. Officers used a direct approach and door knocked the location. An Hispanic male matching the description answered the door. Officers identified themselves and advised him of a narcotics investigation. Officers verified his date of birth and ran him for warrants. The deft had an outstanding warrant and was arrested. Officers conducted a search of the deft and recovered drug paraphernalia. The suspect was rearrested for 11364H&S Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Officers are commended for their willingness to become involved in response to a concerned citizen's request for police service. Their concern for the quality of life in this neighborhood and their subsequent investigation helps to restore public confidence and reduce the fear of crime.

Congratulations goes out to Sgt. **Adriana Torres** and his wife, Sandra, who did all of the work for their newborn Alexis Adriana Torres, D.O.B. 5/27/03, 7 lbs. 4 oz., 19 inches long. Also congratulations goes to **Travis** and **Melissa Coyle** for their newborn son Ethan Martin Coyle, D.O.B. 7/24/03, 8 lbs. 5 oz., 20-1/2 inches long.



Alexis Adriana Torres.



David Bush and Rebecca Embrich.

As you all know, Sgt. Embrich has been deployed to Iraq since Mid-February, which made graduation day a bittersweet moment for her. Rebecca was a Relationship Manager at Merrill Lynch and most recently a Private Banker at Wells Fargo, working with high net worth clients. She has a strong interest in financial fraud investigations and is looking forward to gaining valuable experience on the Department. Although Rebecca will initially start out at Devonshire Division, we are sure she will eventually find her way to Planet F.

The LAPD Reserve Corps is comprised of community members who volunteer their time to fulfill many of the roles handled by full-time sworn police officers. Technical Reserve Officers receive 280 hours of the same training as sworn officers and work alongside them in every aspect of Department operations.

Thank you, David and Rebecca, for your enthusiasm and commitment! ♦

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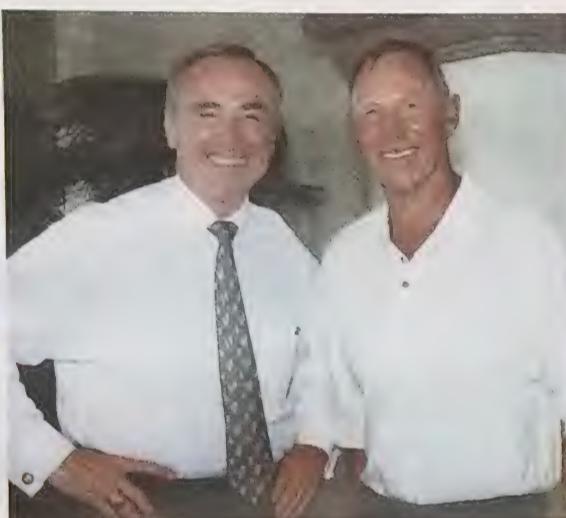
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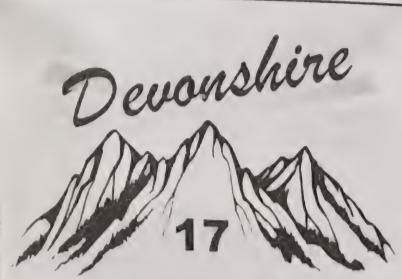
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Reporter

All in a Day's Work

Sometimes you hear of police officers doing extraordinary things that didn't make the news or even get a commendation. Officers routinely do things in their everyday duties that no person would or could. One incident that comes to mind is of two officers who rescued a troubled young life from death.

Approximately two months ago, Officer **Michael Guttilla** and Officer **Eric Johnson** responded to a suicide call near Schoenborn Street and Lindley Avenue. The call involved a 15-year-old female with family problems and a history of attempted suicides. She had locked herself in her bathroom with a large kitchen knife. Using superior verbalization skills, Officer Guttilla and Officer Johnson were able to talk the young lady into not taking her life. The officers got the subject to open the bathroom door and safely surrender the large knife. Though the subject was still despondent, the officers ultimately got

her to surrender to them and she was taken to the hospital for much needed mental health treatment. A young life that bears the markings of past attempts to die was saved by two officers using verbalization, superior tactics, and dedication to their profession and citizens they protect. It was all in a day's work for two of L.A.'s finest.

"My Arms Are Full"

On June 26, 2003, Officer **Eric** "You doesn't have to call me Johnson" **Johnson** paced nervously through the corridors of the hospital's maternity ward. His wife Carole was in labor. By the look of her tummy, Eric was sure he was having the world's biggest baby and future linebacker for a great football team. He dreamed of free football tick-



Johnson babies.

ets and how he would brag that his boy was "the man." Then, the nurse came out

of the delivery room and gave Eric the news. He was the proud daddy of not one big baby, but of three! Eric could not control falling into the arms of his daughter, Kelli. Waking up an hour later sucking on oxygen provided as a complementary gift by the hospital, Eric met his three new additions to the family. This, while hearing "you can't hang" from his wife, Carole, as she looked at her nails. In the picture, we see big sister Kelli and her three baby siblings. Kelli is thinking, "I'll keep these babies in line." From left to right we have Kyle, who just wants to get some sleep; Amy, who is ready to exit stage right due to daddy pointing an unknown contraption at her, known to adults as a camera; and Van, who is kicking back, smiling, and thinking, "This is cool." Congratulations to Eric and Carole Johnson for suddenly raising the population of California.

The Count of Devonshire

With Halloween just around the corner, it's that time when ghost stories abound and that which is scary is in everyone's mind. There have been reports of a mysterious figure dressed in black who wears a cape and is only seen at night. This unknown creature haunts the streets of Devonshire and has even been seen at the station. It is said he looks like Bella Lugosi and can put a person in a trance just by looking into their eyes. "The Count" of Devonshire is a true modern day urban legend. I came across the creature though not directly. Taped to my locker door was a baby picture with a note. It said, "Here's a picture and F.I. card on



Natalie Chavira.

my kid. Don't lose it. The Count." **Robert Chavira** and his wife, Rachel, have a new addition to their family. Pictured is their baby girl, Natalie Chavira, born on 2/18/03 at 1530 hours. Robert and Rachel are very proud of their baby girl.

Dedicated to the Officers of This Department

The week prior to Glocks being approved for the LAPD by our commission, I had the chance to meet Commissioner Alan Skobin in the parking lot of Devonshire Station. He asked for my input on Glock handguns. He displayed a sincere concern for the safety of LAPD officers and was actively seeking information on an important issue. It should also be noted that Commissioner Skobin's fellow commissioners displayed the same concern on this matter. Even Commissioner Sylvia Saucedo took the time to fire a Glock handgun to have first-hand experience of this weapon system. This demonstrates our commissioners truly care about the officers and are willing to give them the tools necessary to get the job done. Thank you, Commissioner Skobin and the rest of the Police Commission, for being there for us. ♦

1 Northeast corner

by Susan Carrasco
Northeast Division

Commendable Capers

On July 11, 2003, Officers **Gadsby** and **Leong** were conducting routine patrol of the Los Angeles Riverbed. While walking below the 2 Freeway bridge, the officers observed a male juvenile walking westbound. The juvenile observed the officers and attempted to conceal himself behind the freeway support pillar. Officers Gadsby and Leong began to walk towards the subject's location, at which time he suddenly walked out from behind the pillar. Officer Gadsby asked the juvenile if they could stop and talk with him, at which time the juvenile reached into his rear waistband area and began to manipulate an unknown object. Believing that the subject may be attempting to arm himself, the officers ordered the juvenile to place his hands in front of him. The subject did not comply, and began to walk away. The juvenile then began to run eastbound from the location while adjusting a still unknown object in the subject's waistband. The subject ran for approximately 500 yards before he entered the river. As the subject entered the water, he held an unknown object above his head to prevent it from getting

wet. As the subject exited the water onto a small island, the officers observed a small caliber stainless steel semi-automatic handgun in the juvenile's right hand. The subject then secreted himself among the tall weeds in the middle of the riverbed.

The officers requested additional units, and a perimeter was quickly established. K-9 officers were requested and responded to the scene. The subject was quickly located by K-9 "Rocky", however the juvenile refused to come out. While dressed in full uniform and carrying over \$1000.00 worth of police equipment on his belt, Officer Gadsby then jumped into the waist-deep water. The subject was apprehended and placed under arrest.

The subject was found to be an active "Frogtown" gang member, and was currently on felony probation. It was also later determined that the juvenile had just escaped from a juvenile placement facility. The subject was booked for 602 WIC/12020 (D) PC - Minor on Probation in Possession of a Firearm.

Thanks to these officers, an armed gang member was apprehended and removed from our community. In addition, a dangerous handgun was confiscated, which potentially could have caused grave injury or death to an innocent victim. Thank you, Officers Gadsby and Leong, for a job well done!

Wedding Bells

On August 18, 2003, Officer **Fernando Carrasco** and Officer **Susan Loera** (that's me) tied the knot while on a "Brady Vacation in Florida." Since Fernando took Susan on a pier on their first date over 3 years ago it was only proper they married on her father's pier.



Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Carrasco.

But don't be fooled. Fernando had his fishing pole close at hand. Look what happens when you have the same vacation days!

Coming and Going Promotions

Officer **David Gomez** 34085 has been promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Gomez is now assigned to Van Nuys area. Good luck Dave and I know we will see you back this way, at least on a fishing trip. Sergeant **Chacon** 22030 has earned the promotion to Sergeant II and is assigned 77th area. Officer **Sanchez** 35282 has been promoted to PO III in Northeast area.

Coming to Northeast area is Sergeant **Pascual** 24615 has come from CED, Sergeant **Puettmann** 31519 has come to us from Van Nuys area and Sergeant **Koch** 23036 has arrived from Hollywood area. Detective **Miyakawa** 22333 has joined us from 77th area. Officers **Ocampo** 36785, **Vasquez** 36798, and **Zelaya** 36801 are all joining us from the academy. Reserve Officer

Alwan R3093 will also be assisting our ranks. Student worker **Tchilinguirian** N2521 is joining us from Foothill area.

Detective **Phillips** 26412, Officer **Magallon** 34934 and Officer **Contreras** 35631 are leaving our Northeast family to join Hollenbeck's. Student worker **Franco** N2091 is also leaving to ASD.

Good luck to all of you in your future and careers.

Get Well Wishes

Sergeant **Sandy Rosenberg** has left us for a bit. Sandy has had major surgery and will be returning as GQ.



Sandy Rosenberg. We wish you a speedy recovery!

Good luck on your speedy recovery! We all miss you.

Detective **Andy Teague**'s recovery has been nothing short of a miracle. Andy has been through so much more than any of us can comprehend and he is still strong and recovering at a rate that has astonished all. It must be the Guardian Angel on his side. ♦

Eastern Horizon

by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division



Sgt. Peterson with son Tyler.

October signals the end of summer, which means things should be cooling off soon. I hope you have a special someone to cuddle up to as fall settles in. Happy Halloween!

A Little R & R

A group of Hollenbeck officers recently participated in a fishing outing, put together by sergeants **Rick Levy** and **Michael Morisseau**. A total of 22 officers, including retired sergeant **Rick Faulkner**, took part in the fishing trip, which left out of Dana Point on August 11th. The officers' targets for the day



Fishing Trip.

were Sand Bass and Barracuda and approximately 100 were actually caught. Officers **Melissa Liberman** and **Cory Tomlinson** hooked the prize fish and received the coveted award for the biggest catch. Rick assures me that everyone had a great time and the weather really cooperated. Hey, why wasn't I invited?

A Real Athlete

Sergeant **Michael Peterson**, as any proud father would, wants me to share some family pride with all of you. Tyler

...And Speaking of Things Well Done

Congratulations go out to the entire Hollenbeck Bike Detail, led by Sergeant **Ruby Malachi**, on their selection as Hollenbeck Officers of the quarter (July, August, September.) The bike detail, one of the most productive units at Hollenbeck, truly deserves this recognition as their hard work has been duly noted. The unit is currently comprised of Officers **Steve Carlos**, **Rich Bertoldo**, **Gerardo Terrazas**, **Jennifer Wong**, **John Mungia** and

to complete probation? Are you looking for challenging, hard work? Then put in your transfer (Form 1.40) to Wilshire Patrol Division.

Citizens on Patrol

One of the citizen groups assisting in our crime prevention, deterrence and detection efforts is the Special Problems and Response Team commonly referred to as "SPART." This group of citizen volunteers, in coordination with Senior Lead Officer **Timothy Kim**, patrol their neighborhoods and report criminal activity.

Crime Line

Wilshire Area crime statistics year-to-date for the week ending August 30, 2003: Homicide, -14.3%; Rape, 6.0%; Robbery, 19.6%; Aggravated Assault, -19.5%; Burglary, 6.1%; Auto Theft, -7.6%; Larceny, -7.6%; Violent Crime Arrests, -5.7%.

This report is closed with our prayers for the more than 1,500 men and women from California stationed in the Iraq-Kuwait theater. ♦

What About Wilshire?

by Sgt. "Bobby" Smith
Wilshire Division

Are Those Babies Crying?

Officer **Christopher Chavez** and wife are the proud parents of twin boys born Friday, August 29. Dad, mom and the boys are doing fine.

Hurry Back!

A speedy recovery to all our coworkers away from the workplace either sick, ill, or injured-on-duty status. Get well soon!

Looking for a Challenge?

Are you a probationary officer about



Greg Debes. As they tell me, they may not always get along but they sure do work hard. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition and thanks for your dedication.

On the detective side, **Detective Michael Sullivan** has been nominated as Detective of the Quarter. Michael is also a dedicated individual who takes his role seriously and always strives to do his best. This is also a well-deserved award and it shows that we are recognizing the proper people. Congratulations, Mike.

Welcome

A big Hollenbeck welcome goes out to Detective **M. Holguin**, in from Metropolitan Division. We also welcome Detective **Mark Phillips**, who has returned to Hollenbeck after a stint at Northeast Division. P-3 **J. Guerra** is in from Central, while P-3 **G. Magallan** comes to us via Northeast. P-2 **C. Rodriguez** joins us from CTD and P-2 **J. Contreras** has moved in after spending time at Northeast Division. We also have four brand new

probationary officers joining our ranks. Please welcome P-1's **Doug Bell**, **V. Escauriza**, **Eddy Limon** and **G. Chavez**. RPO **A. Reynoso** is now assigned to Hollenbeck, in from Training Division. PSR **Brenda Hayes** made a quick turn-about and has come back to Hollenbeck, following a very short stint at Juvenile Division. Senior Clerk Typist **D. Lee** comes from FOD while Clerk typist **P. Woo** joins us from Hollywood Division. Last but not least, PSW **M. Guevara** now calls Hollenbeck home after being assigned to PSB. We welcome all of you to the great eastside and we are confident you will thoroughly enjoy your new assignment.

So Long

We bid farewell to the following individuals, in search of greener pastures; Detective **J. Hunt** is now at Wilshire Division and Detective **B. Williams** is now assigned to Central Traffic Division. P-2 **E. Peraza** is now serving the citizens of Hollywood Division while PSW **J. Cuadra** is now at RED. We wish every one of you the best of luck in your respective new assignments.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Felipe Arreola**, who has been off-duty following hand surgery. Hope you feel well soon, Bud!

See you on the next one. Please keep the stories coming because, no matter how handsome I am, I certainly am no mind reader. If you don't share your stories with me, I cannot let everyone else know of your escapades. ♦

More Divisional Reporter on next page

Real Estate Guide by TIFFINI R. HUGHES



Your response to the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program and Real Estate Services has been tremendous. LAPD/LAPRAAC members, families and friends who have bought or sold a home using the program have saved money and raved about the cash rebates. I would like to thank everyone for the complimentary letters and emails expressing your money-saving experiences with the program. Our super competitive loan rates, free credit check and flat lender fees have made the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program a winner. The negotiating power of a large organization (LAPD/LAPRAAC) creates these cash rebates and incentives.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY REFERRAL PROGRAM

Because of your fantastic response to our services, we are rolling out a new benefit that you can pass on to your friends and family members. For every successful referral you send us, we'll give you a complimentary night at a Palm Springs resort, just to say thank you! You can help your friends save money, get superior personalized service and get a great gift too!

ONLINE SERVICES

The launch of our new website has made applying for a loan easier, more convenient and faster. You can visit the site 24 hours a day, contact our friendly staff and find the answers you need to complete your transaction with confidence. Try out our Mortgage Calculator to focus your financial picture. Applying online couldn't be easier! Just follow the links and fill in the blanks and you are on your way! You can visit our site at www.Police-Fire.com

DROP INTO OUR OFFICES

Feel free to stop by either of our conveniently located offices to ask questions or just to say hi! You will find our staff knowledgeable, courteous and eager to help. We have an office at the Los Angeles Police Academy (323 222 2627) and one in Santa Clarita (661 286 2572), at 24458 Lyons Ave, just off the 5 freeway.

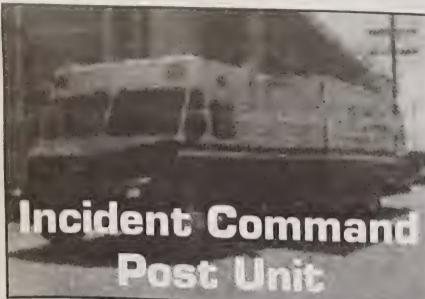
Thank you for your trust and confidence in the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program and each month I hope to give you more insight and knowledge to help fulfill your dreams and goals in the real estate market.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Bill Young

Greetings from the crew at the ICPU. It has been a very busy month for us and I am sure for most of you also. On August 3 we participated in Operation Dark Cloud at a Valley mall. This was a large-scale exercise involving the simulated release of chlorine gas in a mall by terrorists. Officers of the Department Hazardous Devices Section built a balloon cart, which housed the chlorine cylinders. It was quite the contraption, complete with artwork on the sides and a cutout of a clown's face on the front. A smoke machine was rented to simulate the chlorine gas (which was spewed from the cut out clown's face on the front of the cart). The balloon salesperson/terrorist (identity to remain anonymous) was one of Haz Mat's finest officers.

ICPU personnel responded to a request at the scene of a possible chemical release in a multi story office build-

ing in West Valley. We supported the event early on with iced down water, and later responded with the Canteen. Problem is by the time we got there with the Canteen, the situation subsided and officers were being released. That happens and is the nature of the beast. We don't mind so don't hesitate calling.

ICPU personnel supported the Bob Hope Memorial with two large command post vehicles, the Canteen, the Portable Toilet trailer and tables and chairs.

The Triathlon (9/7/03) planning is in the final stages, and the main command post will be located in the old cafeteria of the Piper Technical building. This location has been used for the last two marathon command posts and works well. On large events, our mobile equipment is often not adequate, and fixed locations are desirable. Piper Tech is especially desirable because ITA is housed there along with our unit. Logistically, we don't have far to go.

The planning for the Emmy's (9/21/03) is in full swing. The event will be at the Shrine Auditorium and will involve a fixed command post in a building along with our equipment for the staging area.

Communications Equipment Requests for Special Events

All requests for telephone lines, ring

down lines, and telephone instruments are coordinated through the Incident Command Post Unit. Basically, the requesting division conveys what kind of communications support is needed for their command post (planned event or emergency response) to the ICPU and we complete the necessary paperwork and coordinate with the Information Technology Agency and Facilities Management Division. We can also assist with procuring portable AVAs and MDTs for fixed locations.

Telephone line requests incur expenses from a pre-approved budget, which is closely monitored by Facilities Management Division. Additionally, there are a limited number of communications devices, which may have prior commitments, and personnel from the ICPU and ITA must conduct site surveys at proposed command post locations to determine the feasibility of supplying alternative communications equipment.

Purchasing phone lines from the telephone company is expensive, and the lines must be purchased for a one-month period, even if they are only used for one day. The good news is ITA personnel have developed a microwave phone system, which uses 24 existing Centrex lines available at designated city repeater sites. The receiver side of the equipment is deployed adjacent to our equipment and directed toward one of the repeater sites, and we have telephone communications without incurring cost from the telephone company. This system is portable and can be used in buildings as well as our equipment, and has

proven much more reliable than telephone company lines.

ITA also maintains 50 telephone lines in a parking lot at Dodger Stadium (often used by our equipment as a Tactical Operations Center). Recently forward thinking ITA Supervisor Rito Cisneros received permission from Dodger Stadium to install a microwave dish in the parking lot, enabling the access of 50 city-owned lines just about anywhere in the city.

Additionally, ITA is in the process of updating the Video Down Link system, which will simplify and improve video reception from the Airship.

We at the ICPU work closely with ITA personnel on a daily basis. I have been in this unit for over 12 years, and can honestly say that our units working relationship with ITA has never been stronger. We depend on them tremendously, and they answer the call continuously without question, and often without the bureaucracy red tape.

Military Property Acquisition Team

Any officer still in possession of an M-17 Gas Mask needs to contact Officer Robert Neville at 485-8563. These Gas Masks need to be retuned, filters removed, to the MPAT Warehouse at Supply Division, Piper Technical building, space #212, ASAP.

Until next time, be safe, and don't hesitate to call us if you need us. Our office, 213 485-2901, or the Department Command Post at 213 978-6500 ♦



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division



photo by Glenn Grossman

Command Pilot Wings. Officer Kevin Standage and Captain Tom Runyen.

two FAA check rides and an ASD final check ride. He is now a commercial helicopter pilot as well as a certified flight instructor and is working day watch ASTRO. ASD instructor pilots Terry Lincoln, Bob Harkins, and Bob Percy worked hard to prepare Kevin for the

check rides, which include extensive oral interviews and flights. Kevin is a dedicated aviator and his passion for flying is always evident. Congratulations, Kevin.

Tactical Flight Officer Interviews

The TFO interview marathon has been completed. Sixty orals were done over a nine-day period by one oral board. The competition was fierce for this sought after position. The board is now ranking the candidates for a final list. Thanks to all that applied. For those of you that make it onto the list, congratulations and get ready for the biggest challenge of your career. Preparation is the key to success for this demanding position. All of us at ASD are happy to answer your questions and help you to prepare. Now the interviews for sergeant begin.

ASD Tip of the Month

I was giving a tour of ASD to a recruit class recently when a young recruit asked one of the most common questions we hear. What is the most common thing that patrol officers could do better to

help Air Support do their job? I have written about this topic before, but it bears repeating.

Communication is the key to our success in supporting all of you. We appreciate when you establish contact with us even if it is to advise us to stand by for a minute. When we arrive over a scene where a crime has just occurred, it is vital for us to receive some basic information from you as soon as possible. We do not require a full crime broadcast for us to be effective. We are looking for a vehicle description, direction of travel, and how long ago. This way we can start a search for your suspects while you are completing your preliminary investigation. Because of our bird's eye view, we are able to cover a large area in a short period of time, but we need to know what we are looking for. Your quick basic description is the key to our success. Our TFOs track down described vehicles on a daily basis. All they need is the info to work on. Always watch your six. ♦

New Command Pilot

On September 24, Officer Kevin Standage received his command pilot wings during a ceremony at Hooper Heliport. Kevin completed his final check ride with Chief Pilot Don Reuser and returned to Hooper to meet family, friends, and coworkers. Capt. Tom Runyen presided over the wings presentation. Deputy Chief Mike Hillmann attended and addressed the audience.

Kevin had a busy week completing

my standards, although 40 is on its way. And she wears the purple for the Lakers. Det. I Janelle Williams is such a Lakers fan—she would be flying Lakers flags from all her car windows, except that she won't put out the money to buy even one. Janelle is probably not the cheapest person in Pacific, but she's the proudest of it. On her Christmas wish list one year she asked for silverware. She was still eating off paper plates and plastic flatware at home! In all honesty, Janelle is a very loyal friend, a real sweetheart, and about the most honest person you'll ever meet. But that's no fun to talk about. Nor is it entertaining to admit that she's an awesome motivational speaker, a dedicated detective, and just a really good person. So I won't. I'll just say that she's "tripin'." She has a real problem with first names given to their kids by some misguided mothers. If your first name is Teraketa or Toxcina, don't even introduce yourself. Just turn and go.

Janelle is the senior D.I. in Pacific, but won't promote to DII. She'd rather do the same work as a DII but without the pay. Janelle, wake up! She would have an

absolute fit if we printed a photo of her. So, just picture Vanessa Fox with short hair. (You're welcome, Janelle.)

Due to some tremendous efforts and a perfect display of teamwork, two attempted murder suspects were apprehended by Pacific officers. After a drive-by shooting in Oakwood, Officers Robert Hillard, Jenny Escalante, Mary Fencl, and Maricela Huerta arrived and quickly interviewed witnesses. Hillard broadcast the suspects' description and Motor Officer Pat Smith saw the suspects' vehicle en route to the freeway. Air 8 Officers John Mardesich and Kenin Webb located Smith and the suspects and broadcast their location, requesting backup for Smith. SLO Heidi Llanes fell in behind and broadcast the pursuit. Officers Donna Reyes and Drake Madison assumed the primary position.

The suspects crashed their car into Macy's in Culver City's Fox Hills Mall. Officers Reyes, Madison, and Llanes chased the suspect into the mall on foot, caught him, and arrested him. Officers Antonio Rodriguez and Hanna Lee found and arrested the second suspect in

the parking structure.

Officers Guy Faltinowski, Daniel Putnam, Don Sasaki, and Matthew Snyder transported the witness to the mall where the suspects were positively identified. Thanks to the cooperation of another witness, Officers Kelly Sullivan and Robin Gonzalez recovered a gun dropped by the suspects and picked up by a third uninvolved party. Officers Adam Loo and Vin Do found an additional gun dropped by the suspects.

This was a perfect example of the professionalism and teamwork that can be performed by Pacific Area patrol officers. Congratulations!

Deserting us this D.P. are PIIIs making Sgt. I Gustavo Marroquin (to Southwest) and Kirk Kahoe (to West Valley), and PIII to Det. I Sandra Stewart (to Wilshire). Congratulations to all of you. Also leaving are PII Craig Higa and Adam Matkowsky to South Traffic. The only one replacing all these people is PII Daniel Hankins from Communications. ♦



by Lynn Hunter
Foothill Division

My apologies again for such a short article last month. I got hurt again. Just call me Calamity Jane. Speaking of which, I wish to thank the officer who gets such a kick out of adjusting my chair to unusable positions. Readjusting it plays havoc with my back and allows me more IOD time! So what is it? Are you upset because I haven't roasted you yet? Just wait!

About this month's roastee you could say, "When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple." She's not an old woman by



by Marie Kardiban
Central Division



Dana Oviate (3rd from left) Jorge Arceo (4th from the left). Oviate and Arceo are pictured in the middle surrounded by their fellow Mid PM Watch Officers and Sergeant.



California Country Club- Whittier, CA



Left to Right: Craig Lacko- EMCO Group; Tom Magdelino- Hertz Group/International Jewelry Center; Jeff Miller - Southern California Edison; Lieutenant Andrew Monsue - Central Detectives Presenter; Bob Taylor - Hertz Group/ International Jewelry Center; Tom Hyde - President- Central City Boosters' President

Central Area for many of the educational and cultural outings. We appreciate all the support and participation from the community and Central personnel on this fundraising event.

6th Annual Central City Police Boosters Golf Tournament

Central Community Relations Office in conjunction with the Central City Police Boosters hosted the 6th Annual Golf Tournament at the California Country Club in Whittier. The event was once again a huge success. The funds raised will be used to benefit the youth of

First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post & Communications Div.

by Lt. Chuck Mealey
Communications Division and the Department Command Post

Valley Center

By the time this article reaches print the Valley Communications Dispatch Center will be open. September 16 marks the date when over 120 Communications personnel will be assigned to the valley. Communications Division has about 60 die hard "Valley People" and we have a small contingent willing to drive a bit more to work in the Valley. Lt Stan Ludwig will be the Valley OIC. Joining him will be



Officer M. Bausley is ready for DCP notifications.



Sgt. M. Ehring provides advice to Sr. PSR A. Hoff.

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Officer R. Lakin compares notes with Sgt. C. Bonilla.

The World Class Police Department LAPD RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Officer Mark L. Horton
Recruitment Section

Full Complement

Recruitment Section is now fully staffed with officers and supervisors. Sgt. Ernst Cabriales, #27190, has brought a sense of fairness and compassion to the unit, after arriving this DP.

A \$500 Incentive

You can still get \$500 for choosing your future partner. Officers and candidates must complete and sign a Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program Card. To be eligible, your candidate must turn in the card to the proctor when the written test is taken. You will receive your \$500 when the candidate is appointed to the Academy. Questions? Contact Janesha Robinson at (213) 847-9255.

Thank You

Recruitment & Employment Division would like to thank The Los Angeles Police Protective League for its general

ous donation of six Display Kits that it purchased. Recruitment and Employment Division presented a plaque to the League at the delegates meeting on Tuesday, September 2. Pictured from left to right are Sgt. Cabriales, Officer Pat Guessford,



League Director Cliff Ruff (left), and League President Bob Baker accept plaque of appreciation from Captain Webb, Recruitment and Employment Division.



Recruitment and Employment Division Personnel thank the League for donating display kits.

Officer Ladonna Cissell Day, Cliff Ruff, Capt. Webb, Lt. Bower, Officer Danny Chao, Officer Michele Howell and Officer Mark Horton. ♦

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Out of the Great Southwest

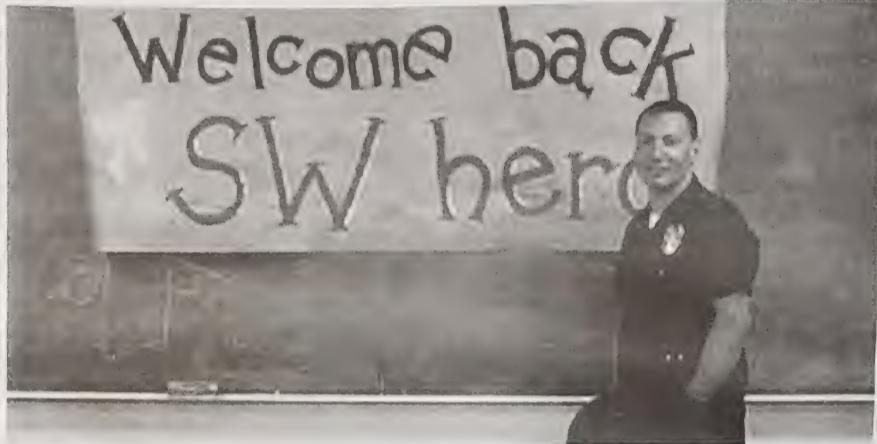
by Sharon McTiernan
Southwest Division

Hi, everyone. We are once again back in the *Blue Line*. Sorry for the short disappearance. Hope you are all doing well, and remember to keep giving me those stories that you want published.



Welcome Back to our Southwest Hero

Approximately five months ago, Officer **Patrick Hassell**, #32763, was activated by the United States Coast Guard and was deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. On August 27, 2003, Officer Hassell returned to Southwest Station for his first day back to work. In roll call, Officer Hassell was welcomed back with a patriotic cake and was presented with a Blue Star Service banner by Capt. **Smith**. The Blue Star Service banners are displayed by families who have a loved one serving in the armed forces. Southwest Area displayed six such banners in the front lobby for each officer who was activated. We are



Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Ins, Outs and Ups

Sorry I missed the last issue, but let me catch up with the results of Transfer Orders #8 and #9. DP #8 had Sgt. II **Dennis Kato** moving out to Southeast Division as a new Lt. 1; Det. 1 **Richard Ulley** left us to become a Det. 2 at Public Standard Bureau; and the smiley Clerk Typist **Shontae Davis** left us to work at Van Nuys Division. On the incoming list, Sgt. 1 **Mark Caswell** is officially here with us from 77th Division; and Det. 1 **Stephanie Barr** is officially here with us from Southeast Division; P-2 **Mark Aragon** is here from West Valley Division; and fresh from the Academy was P-1 **Mark Miraglia**.

DP #9 had more changes for the Tip as the list showed an upgrade for Lt. 1 **George Angelos**, now a Lt. 2; our incoming and upgrading list showed Sgt. 2 **Rigoberto Romero** coming to us as a new Lt. 1 from Public Standard Bureau; more fresh faces from the Academy were P-1s **Daniel Jones**, **Craig Majors**, and **Geoffrey Taff**; and our newest Student Worker is **Taj Muhammad**. Two folks that left us were Student Workers **Nicole Gumiran**, now calling 77th Division home; and **Kimberly Felix**, now calling Southeast Division home.

Welcome, so long, adios, and congratulations to one and all.

Summer Picnic

On Aug. 16, we in Harbor Division had our annual summer picnic at the



Det. 2 Audrey Hook and Property Officer Sheila Woods working the desserts.



P-3 Jerry Legaspi and Det. 2 Alonzo Canada at the helm of the grilles.



Warming up for the softball game.

Range, and judging by the photos, everyone had a great time. There was plenty to do with a live band playing, a rock climbing set-up, a jumper for the kids, pony rides, a fire truck, softball and volleyball games, face painting, In N Out Burgers and much, much more. A GIANT thank you to our Community Relations office, the staff and all involved folks that help to put on a fun day. Oh yeah, just FYI, during the softball game between Detectives and

currently waiting for the safe return of our five remaining family members.

Our condolences go out to the families of Officers **Nguyen** and **Gowen** who recently suffered the loss of a family member. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Officer **Alicia Meredith** and her new husband, Joel Elliot, who were married on August 30; and also to Sgt. **Mason** who was also recently married this last month. Best wishes to all of you.

Fourth Annual Filberto "Fil" Cuesta Memorial Blood Drive

Thanks to everyone who donated blood and gave money in memory of Officer **Cuesta**. As a result of everyone's generosity, Southwest was able to contribute 81 pints/units of blood and

\$566 to the American Red Cross. On August 9, 1998, Officer Cuesta and his partner were seated in their police vehicle awaiting backup outside of a large gang party. They were ambushed from behind their police vehicle and Officer Cuesta was mortally wounded. In memory of Officer Cuesta, Southwest Area sponsors an annual blood drive with the help of the American Red Cross.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Officer **Case**, #36032, and his wife on the birth of their baby boy who was born in August, 2003. Congrats also to Officer **Lovick** and his wife who had a baby boy this past month. May you enjoy your long, sleepless nights.

Ins/Outs at Southwest

Welcome to the following people: Sgt. **Christian**, #26793, from Metro; Sgt. **Marroquin**, #31234, from PAC; P-2 **Seroggins**, #36000; P-1 **Boyd**, #36757; P-1 **Healy**, #36773; P-1 **Jackson**, #6774; P-1 **Torres**, #36797; and P-1 **Ware**, #36799, all from Training Division.

Leaving the Division are: Sgt. **Rayford**, #32489 (Congrats on your promotion); off to 77th; P-2 **Perez**, #34008, going to RAMP; P-2 **Geiger**, #33667; and **Gomez**, #32083, who are both going to WTD. Good luck to all of you at your new divisions.

Congratulations to Officers **Clearce** and **Ceja** who were recently promoted to P-3.

Serving up ribs, hot links, and chicken, with the *sides* of potato salad, fresh fruit, tortillas (yes, tortillas!) and some barbecued desserts (chocolate cake and peace crisp cooked on the coals!). Good job done by all detectives involved and **Property Officer Sheila Woods**.

Muddy Buddies

On Aug. 8, in Temecula, Calif., two of our officers participated in the "Muddy Buddy" Ride & Run Series, which benefited the Challenged Athletes Foundation. Sgt. 1 **Sally Procaccini** and P-3+1 **Melody Hainline** teamed up to compete in the relay race of 10 kilometers that involved off-road mountain biking and running trails, plus obstacles at each mile as the partners have to change from running to biking as they go along. At the end of the race, the team must go through the "Muddy Buddy" mud pit together and finish simultaneously to maintain a valid status as a team. Procaccini and



P-3+1 Hainline and Sgt. 1 Procaccini before and after the Muddy Buddy Ride and Run.

outdid themselves with a fantastic lunch. Plenty of grilled, juicy beef was cooked, with all the fixin's to go with it. Red and green salsas, chips, refried beans, rice, salad, tortillas, fresh fruits, and plenty of baked desserts. Thanks to all the SLOs and their helpers who fed everyone and kept the station happy with content tummies.

On the very next day, the Harbor Detectives put together another barbecue just for the heck of it, and they also did an outstanding job on the grills.

Hainline finished third place out of 29 teams in their category, with world class triathletes **Paula Newby-Fraser** and **Heather Fohr** finishing first place in the very same category. Way to go, girls, and congratulations!!

In Closing

Well, as usual I ask you to do your best to keep cool as winter is almost here, and, of course, be safe, be smart, be sound and keep on dancing.

way out West

by Tom Mason
West Valley Division

The West Valley Area Annual Summer Picnic was held in August on a hot summer day. The picnic featured Twinkle the Clown, lots of food and beverages, and an intense horseshoe toss, which was featured on "ESPN 73." The final toss for the grand prize pitted P.O. II Gabe Suarez and P.O. III Mike Amado against P.O. II Mark Kilgrow and his "ringer." I believe he was a former horseshoe winner in last year's Devonshire picnic. It was an intense match with the crowd (defined as more than two people in this case) watching every toss, either a ringer, a leaner, or close enough for hand grenades. At the end, Kilgrow and his friend won the cash and the esteemed title of West Valley Area Horseshoe Champions 2003. And just think, it could have been you. A big thanks to PSR Jaqui McAndrews, PSR Trish Crupi, Det. Lori Jordane, SCT Martiza Campodonico, P.O. III Patty Waters, and Sgt. Ralph Morales, members of the West Valley Area Station Committee, who put together this event. There are some community members



who also helped out that I neglected to include and I apologize for doing so. However, I do extend our thanks on behalf of the members of WVAL Area for being so supportive.

A first in LAPD sports history, P.O. II **Mark Mireles** won gold twice as a world champion wrestler in the International Police Olympics held in Barcelona, Spain. Mark apparently kicked butt and beat the hometown favorite. Also competing in Spain were P.O. III **Sherry Biggs**, P.O. II **Leslee Rogers**, and P.O. II **Marissa Frial**. They won gold in Women's Basketball. Leslee and Marissa also won gold in the three-on-three basketball competition. In addition to competing with the other athletes, they had to compete with the local hoodlums. Apparently, "suspect get away" was the mantra for the week they were in España. It seems the pickpockets and other thieves deployed heavily in expectation of the hundreds of officers and firefighters that competed. Unfortunately, one of the officers suffered a monetary loss, but won a gold

medal to offset the loss.

I learned an amazing use of COMPSTAT the other day. I attended a luncheon with Capt. **Weinstein** as her unofficial driver (I did not drive), and the keynote speaker was Chief **Bratton**. Chief Bratton was explaining to the guests that COMPSTAT also be used, in addition to crime fighting, as a method to pick up a date at a bar, luncheon, or similar function. I'll have to pass this vital information on to the officers in roll call.

West Valley Area leads in property crimes. Not a proud fact, but nonetheless, West Valley has taken a very proactive approach in combating this problem. The Property Crimes Detail Unit led by Sgt. **Steve Merrin** leads in felony arrests each month, often arresting parolees and other career criminals. The members of his unit are Det. **Ray Smith**, Det. **Scott Crowe**, P.O. II **John Dunlop**, P.O. II **Chris Mayes**, and P.O. II **Mike O'Connor**. Their ability to develop leads, tips, and use good ol' fashioned police work is their cornerstone to suc-

cess. A note to P.O. IIs assigned to WVAL: Captain **Cansler** allows two D.P. loans into the unit. This is a great opportunity to learn some great police work. So submit a 15.7 for a chance to work this unit.

Congratulations to P.O. II **Jeff Briscoe**, P.O. II **Mike Ornelas**, Narcotics Division, and P.O. II **Rachel Raigoza**, Devonshire Area. All three were recently selected as the newest FTOs to West Valley and will make great P.O. IIs. The P.O. III results recently came out, and WVAL should be advertising for more FTOs. Bone up on the FTO manual, Consent Decree stuff, and leadership issues so that you can become the next FTO in WVAL.

Finally, on this last transfer, DP No. 9, WVAL lost one of its finest sergeants, **Rolly Cannon**. Rolly apparently wanted to place that traffic patch back on his shoulders and carry that shiny whistle and chain on his uniform as well. Rolly, it has been a pleasure to work with you. Just keep your knees away from any open drawers. ♦

PRDeez Notes

by Adam N. Broderick
Planning and Research Division

H & G's (hi's and goodbyes)

To continue the streak of promotions out of PRD, **Ruben De La Torre** turned in his chevrons and rocker for a shiny new set of lieutenant bars. This promo is long overdue and just in time before the list expired. Whew! Congratulations.

Sneaking in under the radar to Evaluation Unit was Sgt. **Correa**. Who is this mysterious guy and where did he come from? The only thing we know about him so far is that he loves red licorice. He's eaten half our tub of Red Vines in the short time he's been here. Don't be shy. Welcome aboard.

Other Stuff

Secretary **Vivian Pappas** is the proud new mama of five Shih Tzu puppies. She assisted her pooch with the delivery process and all are happy and healthy. This brings the bow wow tally up to eight at her house. (Sounds like her sons may need to buy a bigger shovel.)

A few weeks ago, PRD had the tedious task of sorting and logging every FDR ever written in the entire city. It was a very important job and commendations are in the mail. Yeah, sure.

And PADS Clerk Typist **Ruth Caron** is now "acting" Senior Clerk Typist.

She is one of our "go-to" gals here in the office and the senior position is well deserved.

Mysteries Revealed

When an amendment is made to the Department Manual, it is referred to as a "J". Why? It seems that way back when, arrows written on the paper indicating where the changes were to be inserted resembled the letter "J". Ooh. Ah. Fascinating, isn't it?

Recruitment Drive

If I've told you once, I've told you at least once. Keep checking the job opportunities list for available positions here. It's tough to beat the schedule and flexibility (we stretch a lot) of this assignment. Sometimes you don't miss it until you're gone. This is evident by the



Asst. Chief McDonnell, Lt. De LaTorre, El Jefe.

scratch marks left on our doors by those who have promoted out and long to return. Too bad, so sad. Once you go, we change the locks. Stop by or call us at (213) 485-2633.

Until next time...C-ya. ♦

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Det. Marcella Winn
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

Detectives **Bret Richards** and **Michael Gannon**, Robbery Special Section, provided the following. Between July 24, 2003, and August 20,

2003, the city of Los Angeles became the target of an armed robber. This suspect was dubbed the Read Between the Line Bandit, due to the suspect carrying a newspaper under his arm and displaying a handgun that was concealed between the pages. The suspect was described as a male, white with a tattoo on his neck of a Chinese character that symbolized the year of the rat. As the robberies increased, the suspect began to display a progressive tendency for violence.

Det. Bret Richards began tracking the suspect's crimes and began an analysis of the robbery locations in an attempt to predict potential victims. Richards, with the assistance of RHD Detectives, isolated one location that had a high probability of the suspect robbing. The business selected was Kelly's Shell Station located at 13703 Victory Blvd. in Van Nuys area. RHD Detectives prepared and implemented a tactical plan that utilized

plainclothes officers, stationary and mobile observation posts as well as uniform arrest teams. Once this plan was in operation, detectives then requested the services of Van Nuys Division.

Officers **Walton** and **Ramirez** were assigned to a stationary observation, when they observed a white male suspect sitting on a parked motorcycle wearing a full-face helmet and leather jacket in 100 degree heat. The officers observed that the suspect had a Chinese character tattoo on the left side of his neck. Believing a crime was about to be committed, and in fear that the suspect would arm himself, a tactical decision was made to immediately detain the suspect. Officers Walton and Ramirez directed units to the suspect's location. Arrest team members **Sudberry**, **Jaramillo**, **Area**, and **Gutierrez** tactically deployed and confronted the suspect. The suspect, George Millington, was taken into custody without incident. A search of the suspect produced a movie prop gun and a newspaper.

On August 20, 2003, this case was presented to Deputy District Attorney

Jane Winston of the Career Criminal Section who filed 14 counts of robbery against Millington. We at Robbery-Homicide Division would like to commend the officers assigned to this detail for their attention to duty, tenacity, flexibility, superior tactical skills, communication skills, and team effort resulting in the apprehension of Millington, the "Read Between the Line Bandit."

Sports

During the month of September, the RHD Thunderbolts softball team will play the SIS Ladybirds in Elysian Park. I will provide an update in the next issue.

Arrivals

A warm RHD welcome goes out to **Dan Jaramillo** who comes to us from DSD/CCS.

RHD's Family Business

We at RHD would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Lt. **Jim Grayson** on the death of his father, **Acy Grayson**, who passed away on July 29, 2003, in Birmingham, Alabama. *



by Larry Wehage
Newton Division

The transfer of **Rob Golden** to Harbor left a vacuum in the writing of Blue Line articles for a month or two; however, the void has recently been filled by this author. We will do our best for the next five years to provide the readers with enjoyable reading. Why five years? I'm on DROP.

OK, let's roll. To begin, let's go back some years. Remember those good old days when pranks were the order of the day and no one complained. Here are a

few Newton capers that might cause you to laugh a bit:

- The late **Carl Johnson** was scared of snakes, so someone wrapped a rubber snake around the brake pedal of the police car he was using. He bailed out when he saw it leaving the passenger to fend for himself. The T/C caused only minor damage.
- The CHP had to stop **Jack Ennis** on the freeway. You see, someone tied a dead turkey to Jack's bumper. The bird was doing more tricks than a Hollywood magician when Jack was pulled over.
- Let's not forget the mystery rider who rode through the station astride a horse.
- The detectives loved to play a trick or two on those careless enough to cross their path. The detectives smeared a helmet liner with finger print ink, plastered a KRLA bumper sticker on the helmet; then concocted a story that Newton would get some great gift if photos were taken of numerous individuals wearing the helmet. Yup, lots of officers were photographed; one with the helmet on and the second with the helmet off. Fingerprint inked



Joshua Campo.



foreheads were the rage in those days. The photos were memorable.

- And finally, **Andy Thedford** loved to rub lotion on his hands during roll call. Unfortunately for him, the lotion resembled Elmer's glue. Yes indeed, the lotion was removed from the bottle and glue was added. Andy suffered the embarrassment of having sticky hands at roll call. He only cussed a little bit.

Congrats to **Joshua Campo** for winning the National title at the Single Lift National Powerlifting Championships in Bigler, PA. He shattered his own American and World deadlift record by lifting an amazing 163 pounds. The amazing aspect of his record is that he is only SEVEN years old and weighs 73 pounds. Joshua is the son of Detective **Todd Campo**. By the way, the kid bat-

ted .744 and was MVP of his Santa Ana little league this year.

The Newton picnic was held on August 30th. A big thank you to **Cheri Doolittle**, **Reggie Gay**, **Hugh O'Gara**, and all the explorers who helped to make the day a special event. Thanks also go out to DARE, SWAT, Dive Team, K-9, ASD, Mounted Unit, and LAFD for giving the kids a memorable day.

A grateful handshake to those officers from Central, Rampart, and Northeast who have been loaned to us for a few DPs to help out with our homicide rate. You've made a difference and it hasn't gone unnoticed. The homicide guys are crying the blues because of the homicide reduction and their overtime is suffering.

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Winning With West Traffic



by Sgt. Stephanie Krajcir
West Traffic Division

Ins and Outs

We wish **Ernie Vicencio** best of luck at CID. Thanks for all your hard work and come back to visit! New to WTD are Motor Sgt. **Steve Smith** from STD, Sgt. I **Murrell Pettway** from Wilshire, Reserve Officers **Steve Getz** and Dr. **Frazier**. (Still have that DRE manual, Doc? Glad you're with us.) New P2s include **Jorge Arrelano** and **Jason Zapata** from Communications, **Kirk Geiger** and **Juan Gomez** from Southwest, **David Chung** and **Paul De La Cruz** from West L.A. Last, but not least, Mr. **Virgil Castor** has returned to the west side. Remember Virgil, the grass is NOT always greener on the other side! And **Tony Euyoque** is back. We're one big, happy family again.

Milestones

WTD has another new dad. Congratulations to PII-II **Doug Panameno**. Little Nicolas Mark was born on August 6 at 6 lbs., 18 oz. Also, **Sandra Kipp** and **Kelly Montgomery** are back from maternity leave—the pictures are sooooo cute! Motor cop **Chris Blankenship** is also back. Chris was out for some time due to an on duty motor accident. And a huge welcome back goes to motor mechanic **Scott Allen** who has been out since May due to an off duty car

accident. Scott has a metal rod holding his right leg together and is limping along, but keep up the physical therapy and you'll be ready for 18 holes in no time. The cats are glad to see you too!

Officer Down

Two more WTD officers are off with injuries from accidents. BCMC **Leon Good** was just doing his job looking for a ticket with his partner **Larry Johnson** when they stopped a motorcyclist for a speed violation. The only problem is that this guy did not want to go along with the program and intentionally struck Larry with his bike before fleeing the scene. Both officers immediately went into pursuit. However, Leon hit a dip in the road and the next thing he knew, he was Evil Knievel in the air and then went sliding on the ground. Metro officers around the corner saw the t/c and the violator but elected to assist Leon instead of continuing the pursuit. The violator was GOA and Leon ended up in the hospital with severe injuries to his arms. Hang in there, buddy, and get well!

PM Watch Officer **Joanne Anthony** was on her way to work (in fact she was only four blocks from the station) when someone elected to make a left turn in front of her. The crash was horrific with the violator's pickup truck overturning, and Joanne's car running off the roadway into a bicyclist. Citizens uprighted the truck and pulled out the three occupants. Joanne sustained relatively minor injuries compared to one of the occupants in the other truck who wound up with a face and chest full of nails from a tool box. Oh, by the way, the other driver was deuce and subsequently went to jail for felony DUI and for his outstanding DUI warrant. Joanne has our desk officer, **George McNeil**, to thank her for saving her life as she was driving his big Mercedes. Did I mention that he had just bought it? And the insurance company is considering it totaled?

Commendable Copper Capers

This past month WTD officers have been very productive not only in traffic enforcement, but in crime control as well. The following is a synopsis of outstanding incidents:

On August 1, 2003, Directed Enforcement Team (DET) member **Willie Durr**, #31557, was working the Wilshire area "box" as part of a crime suppression detail. Durr observed a robbery in progress while E/B 3rd at Serrano. Durr observed two male Hispanics (one later was identified as a juvenile) surrounding victim Tae Kim. The suspects did not realize that the motor officer was practically right behind them until the victim pointed. The investigation revealed that one suspect was armed with a knife, and the juvenile had used bodily force to obtain the victim's property. Both were taken into custody without further incident, and the follow-up investigation revealed that they might be responsible for additional crimes in the community.

On August 7, 2003, at approximately 1845 hours, DET member officer **Tai Kingi**, #31573, observed a red light violation at Oakwood and St. Andrews Place involving a new Honda Civic with paper plates. The driver attempted to avoid being stopped by the officer and was involved in a traffic collision a short distance away. The driver fled but his passenger remained at the scene and cooperated with the officer's investigation. The vehicle was a reported stolen by the city of Covina, and a county jail wristband was found inside. A check on the suspect's criminal history indicated that he was on probation for GTA. Kingi identified the suspect through a photo and subsequently notified his probation officer. A few days later the suspect was taken into custody in West Covina on an unrelated offense, and booked for the

additional LAPD charges.

On August 13, 2003, at approximately 1200 hours, CI Officer **Ernie Vicencio**, #35039, was completing a traffic collision investigation near the area of Olympic and Crescent Heights. He heard a broadcast of a "459 suspect there now at 6542 Hayes Drive." As he approached he saw the suspect exit a residence carrying a large black duffel bag, and the victim pointing out the suspect. The suspect dropped the bag and the foot pursuit began. The suspect kept running across different streets and jumping fences through a number of backyards. The suspect then jumped into a van when the driver stepped out and attempted to flee but instead was involved in a minor t/c. Due to Vicencio's broadcasting and the close proximity of the air unit, the suspect was quickly taken into custody by responding Wilshire units. This particular incident involved five different victims. However, it is believed that this suspect was the perpetrator of 16 other burglaries in the area.

On August 27, 2003, at approximately 1100 hours, CTSU Officers **Ricky Brown**, #33836, **Darren Rubiano**, #33875, and **Mustafa Hassanzai**, #32950, were in the area of Sepulveda and National when a call of a Bank 211 with multiple suspects at that location was broadcasted. They immediately responded and quickly took one suspect into custody (in fact the suspect was still wearing gloves and was attempting to hide a weapon). The weapon was recovered, as was \$63,000. RHD and FBI handled the full investigation.

The above officers are commended for their attention to duty, quick response, outstanding teamwork and tactics, which resulted in the apprehension of serious criminal predators!! ♦

ly directed Perez to me, the Military Liaison Officer for assistance. I contacted Accounting Clerk-II **Tracie Mathis** and Departmental Chief Accountant **Betty Jai**, Fiscal Operations Division (FOD), to plead Officer Perez's case for the issuance of an "emergency" check. In this incident Perez was not paid his full Department salary because upon return to duty his current pay status was not properly, nor timely reported in the payroll system. This error was no fault of his own and therefore qualified him for consideration for issuance of an "emergency check." However, it is FOD policy not to routinely grant such request without exigent circumstances. We were able to bring this case to a positive resolution, but FOD warned that this might not be the case in the future. They asked me to advise departing and returning military personnel to ensure that their time keepers document their change in status accurately and in a timely manner. The ridged guidelines for the processing of emergency checks are covered in Fiscal and Support Bureau, Notice, dated June 28, 2002, "Processing Emergency Checks Resulting from Misuse of Employee Benefits." (Don't let the title mislead you.) The above case is another example of the type of assistance that can be provided through the Military Liaison Program. Please refer to past and future articles to keep abreast of important information and lessons learned so you and your family can avoid the hardships that can be associated with military service. Also review the "Veteran's Corner" articles in this paper for additional related information. The sole purpose of this program is to reduce the burden of military service on Department employees and their families by providing a "one call does it all"

phone number with a professional Department contact person who will be responsive to their needs. If you or another Department employee you know has a question or is in need of assistance with issues related to being a member of the Armed Forces Reserve, please contact me at the Ombuds office, (213) 473-8871, or e-mail me at 33605@lapd.lacity.org. At the time this article was written, the total number of Department per-

sonnel currently serving on active military duty was 119.

Wanted: Photographs and video clips of LAPD employees that have been activated during this crisis or others dating back to the first Gulf War. The photographs, videos and other material will be used in a future video of our employees serving our nation around the world in times of national crisis. ♦

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by Officer Dennis J. DeNoi
Military Liaison Program

"Incoming!"

The word is starting to be disseminated about the new Department Military Liaison Program (MLP) and I'm pleased to report that calls for assistance are coming in from all directions. One call in particular came via the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL). Officer **Robert Perez** from Rampart Area, recently returned from extended active military service as a sergeant with the Army National Guard's 137th Engineer Battalion. Officer Perez, unaware of the Military Liaison Program, called the LAPPL for help when he received a "short" Department paycheck and was unable to rectify the situation on his own. The League informed Perez of the MLP and proper-

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

Welcome Aboard, Sir!

77th Street is getting a new captain: **Kenny Garner** will be joining the team, and we are looking forward to working with him. So, how does it feel to be a part of the legendary bench press team?

Congratulations in Order

Lt. J. West gave us his rocker for two bars. He will be working on Watch 7.

Sgt. Juan Gonzales is the bearer of a new rocker working as the AWC for Watch 3.

Officer **Ara Hollenback** is Officer of the Year of 2002; **Rosemary Ruvalacaba** is Civilian of the Year of 2002, and **Mike Steward** is our Detective of the Year for 2002.

PIII stripes were given to Officer **Jim Carroll** and **Grace Garcia**.



Cheryl Zuvich and Mike Shea

Congratulations to all of you!

A Fifty Fun Time

Thanks to SLO **Mike Shea** for the wonderful birthday party he threw for himself on August 6th. There was a great turnout and the buffet was outstanding. Mike did wear his famous tux, so if you missed the party, you will now have to wait until Christmastime at the unofficial 77th Christmas gathering. Oh what the hell...here is a photo of Mike and his girlfriend, Cheryl Zuvich.

It Is All About the Children

77th overtime motto, but on the serious side, it really is when it comes to our new members of the 77th family. We welcome "Reagan Lauren" and "Garrett



Reagan Lauren and Garrett Lee Hagerty.

"Lee" Hagerty. These twins were born to **Eric** (77th) and **Kristin** (S/W) on July 15, 2003.

Becky and **Jeff Martin** (77th) welcomed their son "Ryan Matthew" on August 4, 2003.

And **Chevelle Eldridge** welcomed her son "Presley" on August 27, 2003. Congratulations to all of you. Enjoy your bonding!

Ask **Paul Clements** what the best



Henry Mendes and Paul Clements.

thing about life is, and he will tell you it's his new grandson, Henry (Mendes). He was indeed the proud grandpa at a recent 77th event! And there was no doubt who Henry's favorite is either!

Professional Victims

That is the nickname we have given our A.G.A.S.T. Unit. The undercover squad has taken on the appearance of "just another Joe Schmo," been shot at twice, but are putting the criminal element at guard and in jail.

Under the supervision of **Sgt. Rick Baeza**, they were initially deployed as a graffiti surveillance unit, but when they got out there to do that job, they had the opportunity to become more effective in many other ways.

Because their appearance and vehicles fit the neighborhood, they can get into places many of us can't and do so undetected. Once in place, they put out some of the best crime broadcasts city-wide. Talk about having the upper hand on the bad guy for a change.

Thanks to officers: **Kevin Huff**, **Anthony Acosta**, **Herman Frettlohr**, **Refugio Garza**, **Jesus Carillo**, and **Aquiles Morales** for your outstanding efforts.

For the rest of you, stay safe out there, have fun. It is football season again. A fun time of year for us. May the luck of the Irish be yours.

"Come visit my house before the game on Sunday...God!"

enjoy this LAPD moment in history.

FROM THE LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER End of 80 MPH Auto Chase

WEST LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15 — After being pursued by police in an 80-mile-an-hour chase that ended in an auto crash, William Leialoha, 24, behind bars at West Los Angeles jail today.

Leialoha, of 4345 West 105th Street, Inglewood, and four other persons were injured in the collision.

Chase Begins - The pursuit began at Highway 101 and Sunset Boulevard, where Leialoha was stopped for speeding, police said.

He started up again, police said, and they followed him in their patrol car.

After careening for five miles through side streets at high speed, disregarding signals and stop signs, officers said, Leialoha's car finally collided with an auto driven by Alvin N. Hirschfield, 58, of 1344 North Crescent Heights



Handcuffed, William Leialoha lies in street talking to Officer William Dacey who participated in chasing him at 80 miles per hour before crash ended pursuit. Five persons were injured in collision when Leialoha's car (left) struck that of Alvin N. Hirschfield (right). Hirschfield (center), despite injury, listens to questioning of Leialoha who was later booked on suspicion of drunk and reckless driving.

Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Injured - Hirschfield, his wife, Katherine, and two passengers, Mr. And Mrs. Milton Eller, of 632 South Arden Boulevard, Los Angeles, were injured. Leialoha was thrown from his auto.

All were treated at Santa Monica Emergency Hospital, and Leialoha was charged with felony drunk driving, reckless driving and evading arrest.

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division



West LA's Detective Lynet Popper and Secretary Joanne Muchnick enjoying a day in the sun at the annual beach party.

dogs, cookies (although **Grace** missed out on hers), salad, chips and drinks and all that was missing was the rest of West L.A. Division. Hey, where were you, anyway?! That's okay, but next year there'll be no excuse. Oh, and go ahead, ask **Sgt. Mims** about the outfit he wore. If I only had a picture...O/S

As usual, there have been some changes in the force. **Sgt. Dave Grimes**



West LA is proud to present Trenton James Cobos. Born: 6/9/03; weight: 7lbs, 10oz; Length: 19". Trenton is the son of Detective Darbie Cobos.

has gone to PSB, Det. **Dondee Stout** to OCVD, P2 **K. Kocur** will be a new P3 at WB, P2s **D. Chung** and **P. Delacruz** went to WTD, and **Mike Moore** is now a P3+1 and we're happy to say that he will be staying here with us. Mike said that he has been preparing for this spot for three years and is happy to say that he has finally made it! Mike is no longer a member of Monty Python's "Apathy League" and his care and concern for his area will make him a great SLO! A few rookies have arrived, and we wish them the best. They are **R. Lisenby**, **K. Mehl**, and **J. Snow**. **J. Saba** is a new RPOT, and **R. Flores** is a PSW from WB. Last, but not least, we have a new Senior Clerk Typist from R&I named **Tammy Rolle**. I certainly hope I didn't leave anyone out.

A couple of West L.A. golfers were winners in the July tournament of the LAPD Golf Club. The Individual A-Flight winner was **Justin Mudgett**, and the winner of the Women's Long Drive was **Terry Brinkmeyer**. Congratulations to a couple of swingers. The next tournament will be September 25th. LAPDgolfclub@aol.com if you're interested.

Step back with me in time for a moment, if you will. The following article from the *Los Angeles Times* shows a commendable cop caper depicting my father and another officer arresting a locally known writer. Note the uniform includes the famous hat (Shades of "Dragnet" and "Adam-12"!). I hope you

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by Officer Leslie Mariscal
Central Traffic Division

Hello and Goodbyes

We had quite a movement in CTD these past few DPs. We'll start by saying congratulations to Lt. **T. Morris**, who was promoted and is leaving us after a 7-1/2 year tour at CTD as the Officer-in-Charge of CIFU. Good luck on your new adventure at Central Division. Farewell to Sgt. **A. Grossman** and Sgt. **Khan**. Both can be found at Professional Standards Bureau. Sgt. **L. Jones** is on her way to Detective Bureau. Det. **A. Lee** found a new home at Detective Headquarters Division. Officer **C. Rodriguez** has hung up his laser gun and is now at Hollenbeck Division. Officer **K. Hoover** and **D. Ziesmer** (the Dynamic Duo!) are both leaving us for VTD. Police Student Worker **C. Magana** will now be working at Metro Division. Thank you for all you have done for CTD. You are surely appreciated for all your efforts and hard work. Good luck!

We also welcome several officers into CTD. Sgt. **W. Kipp** is back with us from Hollywood and Sgt. **L. Jones** also from Hollywood. Det. **B. Williams** from Hollenbeck Division, and Police Student Worker **S. Lopez**.

CTD is happy to have Capt. **R. Meraz** who joined us three DPs ago.

Thanks and Appreciation

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone at CTD, both sworn and civilian, for their diligence and hard work. In the three months that I have been here, I have been impressed with the work ethic and professionalism that CTD bestows. Thanks for making my transition into CTD so smooth. By Capt. Meraz

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that was truly an asset to the division. This person is the epitome of a Los Angeles Police Officer. I have never met a more genuine person. He has unselfishly helped each and every person at CTD in one way or another, whether it is with a simple question or a complex full-scale diagram. If he did not know the answer (which he 99.99% of the time did), he would find the answer for you. I am, of course, speaking of Officer **Mark Winter**, who retired on July 4, 2003. We held a last minute retirement party at Stevenson's Steak House and had a blast! We refused to let Mark bow out gracefully (which is just like him), being the humble person that he is. Hopefully Mark felt the love and appreciation that we all felt for him, not just at CTD but by coworkers from his prior divisions as well. We feel your absence every day, but I'm sure you are living it up! Happy retirement, you deserve it!

Officer **J. Potter** has also pulled the plug and retired after 30 years of service. Joe was assigned to CTD for approximately 14 years. Potter worked both Collision Investigation as well as Traffic Enforcement. Joe was appointed to the Department on 5/15/72. Thank you for all your years of hard work. We wish you all the best on your new endeavor.

work hard, but here is a list of our top producers for DP 6 listed by watch: W-2 Officers **R. Klepper**, **A. Sciarrino**, W-3 Officer **O. Thomas**, W-5 N. Peterson, J. Vasquez, W-6 M. Saenz, R. Teter. As usual, a job well done!

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good physical condition and his strong heart (he is a runner), the damage to his heart was minimal and he was able to return to work. While he was recovering, Sgt. Nunez became a proud Grandpa for the first time. Aidan Nunez was born on October 4, 2002, to Andy and Erin Nunez.

Officer **P. Flage** is back from his tour of duty in Iraq. We're glad to have you safe at home.

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LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow
Sports Beat Editor

Looks like LAPD athletes ended the summer with a bang, winning a literal Fort Knox of medals during competition at the Nevada Police and Fire Games in Las Vegas and at the World Police and Fire Games in Barcelona, Spain.

In Nevada, the Trap and Skeet team won seven of eight gold medals in their events, the Stick Time Co-Ed Softball and Women's 3x3 Basketball teams each garnered first place finishes, and the Volleyball team brought home a silver medal. Thirty-four department competitors brought home a whopping 36 medals from Barcelona, including 28 gold medals (see separate article elsewhere in this section). This was the most medals won by any department from the United States.

Proof once again why the LAPD/Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club program is recognized without question as the best in the world.

Want an "Uplifting" Experience?

Since there's been neither rain nor

snow nor sleet to keep the postman from his appointed rounds, we're hoping this issue gets to your mailboxes in time for last stragglers to sign up for the Fall Bench Press Contest on Friday, October 3, at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. Weigh-ins will be held Thursday, October 2, at three convenient locations: Devonshire (second trailer in parking lot), 0900-1300; Ahmanson Training Facility (Westchester), 0800-1300; and the Academy Gym, 0800-1500.

The 77th Street Power Pigs will be looking for their 16th straight win, and word on the street is that Rampart's pulling out all stops to make this a non-so-sweet 16th for Boss Hog Paul von Lutzow (who also coached the powerhouse Fort Apache teams of the mid-'90s). Spectators are always welcome and the lifting starts at 0900. For more info, call the LAPD Athletic Office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219.

Baker-Vegas Dates Set

The weekend of April 24-25, 2004, has been set for the 20th annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay with the Las Vegas Hilton and Convention Center once again serving as host hotel. A record number of teams—perhaps more

than 220—are expected including possible entries from Queensland (Australia), South Wales (Britain), and Germany.

Dates have also been set for pre-race team captains' meetings (the kickoff event was held September 24). All are held in the Academy lounge at 12 noon (with lunch one half hour earlier). Upcoming meetings are on Wednesday, October 22, December 3, January 7 (new teams and new team captains), January 14, February 18 and March 31.

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Hoop Time is Now Upon Us

The sun setting earlier in the western sky brings a reminder that the 2003-04 intradepartmental basketball season will soon be upon us. Parker Center, which ended a four-year drought by winning the Captain Al Nelson Tournament, is looking to start another dynasty like the one it had in the last 1990s.

A pre-season meeting to kick off the season has been set for 1200 hours on Wednesday, October 15, at the Elysian Park Academy lounge. For more information, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800 or the Athletic Director's office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219.

Flag Football

A team captains meeting was held at the Academy lounge early last month to try and organize an Intradepartmental Flag Football program this Fall. News of the success (or lack thereof) was not available at our press deadline for this issue. For up-to-date info on flag football, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800 or the Athletic Director's office at (323) 221-5222, ext.

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Final Word on the Calif. Games

Got a note from retiree Bob McMeekin about his exploits in Sacramento a few months back at the California Police and Fire Games.

"I don't take Viagra or Geritol and lost my Depends on the first turn," he wrote. Seems while the Over-the-Hill Gang (lifters Tom Vigen, Rex Shields, and Sam Colella, mentioned in an earlier article in our August issue) was pumping iron, "I (McMeekin) made waves and won a silver medal in the 50 yard freestyle. Swam a brisk 38.74 seconds, two seconds faster than last year in Santa Ana, where I also won a silver medal. Must be getting better with age (now 68)." Congrats to Bob, who said he's looking forward to next year's games in Stockton.

We Welcome Your Articles

Planning a sports event or have an upcoming one? Submitting an article for *Sports Beat* is the best way to get info out to a wide range of active and retired department personnel. To be included we must receive articles, via fax or e-mail, no less than three days before the end of current month: by October 28 for the December issue, November 27 for January, etc.

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Battle of the Titans: Rounds 3 and 4 of Fire & Police MX Summer Nite Series

by Kevin Korne

The third and fourth rounds of the Fire and Police Summer Series were completed at Glen Helen Raceway and Starwest Motocross Park, and once again the LAPD Motocross team was in the thick of the action.

Round 3 turned out to be no ordinary race—it was held on Glen Helen's stadium track that features a technical supercross-style track. Most exciting event of the day featured a battle between **Frank Brien** and **Tony Perez**, who traded positions numerous times. How exciting it was to watch them battle it out bar to bar (summer series races are structured in a three-moto format). After the second moto, Perez was seated in second and Brien was third. It was Brien, however, who maintained his position and took the podium. Perez got caught up in a pile-up that caused him to finish eighth in the third moto. As a result, he had to settle for fifth overall in the novice class.

Here were two guys battling it out like gladiators, but at the end of the race demonstrated the friendship and camaraderie that makes motocross such a great sport. The team wants to congratulate both of them for putting on some great racing and for proudly representing the LAPD motocross team. Teammates **Rob Cosner**, **Mark Cleary** and **Dan Hadfield** also brought home medals.

Race Results for Round 3: Brien (18-29 Novice), third place; **Cosner** (30-39 expert), second place and (4-stroke expert) third place; **Cleary** (Quad), third place; **Hadfield** (39-39 Novice), third place and (4-stroke Novice), sixth place; **Rob Irvin** (50cc), fourth place and (30-39 Beginner), seventh place; **Perez** (18-29 Novice), fifth place.

At Round 4, held at Starwest Motocross Park, one of the most exciting races involved Irvin, who rode like he was on a mission (like he thought he was **Chad Reed** on that YZ250). Irvin,

who is a department shooting instructor, seemed to have found his sight picture or sight alignment as he powered by people with domination. Guess with being a firearms instructor and all he decided to take some of his own advice. In the end, Irvin took third place in the very large and competitive beginner class. Thanks for giving all the fans an exciting race.

Yours truly decided to make things interesting by stalling his bike on the start of the race. I did this intentionally so I would have to expend all of my energy in the first moto and leave nothing left for the next two. This dumb mistake should have cost me the entire race. Thankfully I've tried hard to learn from previous mistakes and stupidity. One day Capt. **Charlie Beck** gave some great advice when he told me "You don't need to rush and pass everyone on the next turn, because at the end of the race everyone will have finished where they should have." The fast and furious Cosner seemed to have an off night while Hadfield demonstrated his experience as he once again won medals in both classes.

Cleary is the team's only quad racer. He seemed to have found some more horsepower, moving up from a third place finish race at Glen Helen to take second. New team member **Mark Hubert** had quite a fan club as about ten family members came out to show support. He didn't let them down, taking first in one of his motos in the beginner class, but didn't get on the podium that day because of some crashes that held him back. With the way he rode, there's no doubt we'll see him on the podium in future races.

Race Results for Round 4: Brien (18-29 Novice), fifth place; **Cosner** (30-39 Expert), fifth place and (4-stroke Expert), second place; **Cleary** (Quad), second place; **Hadfield** (30-39 Novice), second place and (4-stroke Novice), third place; Irvin (50cc), second place



Robin Irvin takes charge in Round 4 of the Fire and Police Summer Series.



Frank Brien and Tony Perez battled it out bar-to-bar in Round 3 of the Summer Series.

and (30-39 Beginner), third place.

Upcoming races (all at Glen Helen): Fire and Police MX Nationals October 13-14 and Fire and Police Toy Drive and Christmas Grand Prix, December 9.

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LAPD Claybird Masters Again Capture Gold at Nevada Games

by Jimmy L. Trahan

When a team can win seven out of eight gold medals in Trap & Skeet events at the Nevada Police and Fire Games, it's hard to be modest. The nasty weather conditions during four days of competition were usual for Vegas in August, but that didn't impede LAPD's claybusters from zeroing in on those birds with deadly accuracy.

Officers who gave it their all included **Don Bray, Ed Chauff, Harry "Mr. Skeet" Davis, Greg Dewitt, Vic Elliott, Paul Knoll, Ed Knutson, Jeff Nocket, Bill Page** and yours truly. These true lovers of shotguns ignored the crap and blackjack tables, slot machines, poker rooms (at least during the shoot) and concentrated all their energy and finely honed skills on devastating those malicious and radical clay targets. It was rumored Dewitt and his unknown partner (who only goes by the name of "Jimmy the Chipper") were high rolling their nickels on the crap tables into the wee hours, but this could not be confirmed.

The team took gold in *all* the trap

events (16 yd., 24 yd., riot, and doubles), and three of four in skeet blasting. Individual medals were flowing everywhere. Nocket and Davis shot perfect scores (100x100) in trap and skeet doubles, respectively, for the gold medals. Other winners included Bray, Knoll, and Page. The gold for Top Gun during the shoot went to none other than "Mr. Skeet" Davis with Nocket taking the bronze. *Great shooting guys!*

Final medal count for the ten LAPD shooters: 47 gold, 23 silver and 17 bronze for a grand total of 87. That's a hunk of metal around the necks of dedicated officers who find it irresistible to chew on shotgun shells for snacks.

The Nevada Games conclude our competition for the year and we'll start getting ready for 2004 during the winter months. Want to have some real fun? Come join our team and see what a shotgun can do for you. You can cuddle it at night...and it doesn't snore or get headaches. Contact yours truly at j.trahan@verizon.net or (562) 698-2674 for more info.

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Celebrities, Superstar Sports Athletes, and Lots of Kids Made LAPD's 3rd Annual Celebrity Swing-a-thon A Big Hit!

LAPD Centurions Baseball Team hosted its 3rd Annual Celebrity Swing-a-Thon event on June 28, 2003, at El Cariso County Park in Sylmar. Over 800 kids and community members enjoyed a day filled with superstars, sports clinics, giveaways, free food, music and several static displays, including our very own LAPD specialized units and United States Marines.

One child from one of several participating youth organizations said, "It's like going to the store, but everything is free!"

The event brought out celebrity superstars like Shemar Moore ("Young & the Restless" and host of "Soul Train"), Neal McDonough ("Boom Town"), and Yancey Arias ("King Pin").

Former superstar athletes included Rod Martin (Raider and Super Bowl record holder), Cliff Branch (Raider and Super Bowl record holder), Charles White (USC Heisman trophy winner), Calvin Sweeney (Steelers), Mike Wilson (49ers), Windell Tylor (49ers), Lou Johnson (Dodgers), Tommy Davis (Dodgers), Jay Johnstone (Dodgers), Bobby Castillo (Dodgers), Rudy Law (Dodgers), Derrell Thomas (Dodgers), Bret Barberie (Marlins), Jack Clark (Dodgers), Bobby Chacon (pro boxer), Jeremy Williams (pro boxer), and L.A. Dodger coach and 32-year veteran Manny Mota, who received the event's lifetime achievement award. Dignitaries included Steve Cooley, Alex Padilla,

Tom LaBonge, and representatives from Zev Yaroslavsky and Brad Sherman's offices. LAPD Deputy Chief Ron Bergmann, Valley Bureau Commanders Michael



Former Dodger great Lou Johnson watches as kids from all over the city participate in a free baseball clinic given by former & current pro athletes.

group was treated to their own personal Swing-a-Thon rally with giveaways and prize drawings of Dodgers tickets, gift certificates, movie passes, and sports merchandise.

Top producer, Explorer Teresa Lopez raised \$230 and received the top prize, a video/DVD player and Dodger tickets for her



Former Superbowl football stars & record holders Mike Wilson (49ers), Rod Martin (Raiders), Cliff Branch (Raiders), Charles White (USC Heisman trophy winner) and Windell Tylor (49ers) pause for a photo after giving a free football clinic to kids of all ages during swing-a-thon event.



DA Steve Cooley, Congressman Brad Sherman's rep, Council President Alex Padilla, Chief Ron Bergmann, Commander Mike Moore LAPD Devonshire Chaplain Officer Ken Crawford & USMC officers pose with lifetime achievement award recipient and LA Dodger coach Manny Mota, during Swin-a-thon opening ceremonies.

Moore and Val Pannica were also on hand.

Several youth organizations raised funds for their youth programs. LAPD's Van Nuys Explorers Post raised over \$1,000 for their program and were the top youth program producers out of all participating groups. Not only were they able to keep the funds they raised, the

efforts. Van Nuys Jeopardy also raised over \$500 and received a Swing-a-Thon rally of prizes and drawings.

Officer Mike Scott, the event coordinator stated, "There were kids that raised two dollars and some that raised hundreds of dollars. It was an overall

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The Story Behind The Names

by Lew Snow
Sports Beat Editor

A number of awards at the upcoming 50th Annual Sports Awards Dinner are named after individuals. Their importance to LAPD athletics was apparent when the naming occurred, but as time goes by, the stories behind the names fade from memory. Following is a brief summary of these special honors.

CAPTAIN AL NELSON INTRADEPARTMENTAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – awarded to one or more athletes for their prowess during intradepartmental competition. Al Nelson, a pioneering father of the LAPD athletic program, was active with the program for over six decades—the last 20 years working the game clock at intradepartmental basketball games. The Elysian Park Academy Gymnasium was named in his honor in 1988 following his death.

KENJI TANIGUCHI CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – presented to individuals or businesses who assist LAPRAAC or a LAPRAAC team with support or sponsorship. Its namesake was a much beloved fixture around the Academy from the late 1940s until his untimely death last year at the young age of 81. Kenny owned a sporting goods store in Boyle Heights for many years and assisted at literally thousands of law enforcement athletic events. He is sorely missed.

BILL STEIN AWARD – given in recognition of outstanding service, dedication, and support of the department's athletic program. Bill was a vice president of NBC during the golden age of television who arranged for "top of the A list" celebrities to appear at the dinners and other LAPD events through the mid-1980s. A friend of the late Jack Webb and every chief from B.P. (Bill Parker) to B.P. (Bernie Parks), Bill attended the

very first Sports Awards Dinner in 1954. He still keeps in touch from his home in Eureka and hopes to be able to attend this year's gala 50th celebration.

BOB PULLARD TROPHY – awarded to an athlete who successfully returns to competition after recovery from a devastating injury. Bob was a world-class pole vaulter who never lost in any law enforcement competition. His life was tragically cut short by a toxic reaction to treatment for cancer.

DARYL F. GATES MASTER ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – presented to the department's finest athlete in the age 40-49 category. The legendary former chief was instrumental in transforming LAPD's athletic program into the world's best. Gates led by example, running in his last Baker to Vegas race during his 45th year in uniform. He still appears at many dinners and at Baker to Vegas awards ceremonies.

BOB BURKE ALL SPORTS TROPHY – given to the division accumulating the most points during the year in athletic competition among LAPD officers. Named to honor the department's first athletic director who was the innovator of modern day law enforcement athletics. Bob co-created the California Police and Fire Games and the World Police and Fire Games. He also spearheaded the famous LAPD long distance running teams of the 1960s and cross country runs of the early 1970s.

NANCY DYER SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR – presented to an LAPD athlete or coach displaying athletic excellence, dignity, leadership, values, professionalism and a superior dedication to others. Nancy, an outstanding athlete in numerous sports and also a LAPRAAC board member, lost a courageous battle to cancer in the mid-1990s.

Men Volleyballers Win Silver Medal at Nevada Police & Fire Games

by Andy Smith

Despite a shorthanded squad that was playing together for the first time, the LAPD Men's Volleyball Team overcame early difficulties to win a silver medal at the Nevada Police and Fire Games.

The department team was able to win only two matches during "pool play" at the games, held in Las Vegas during one of the hottest Augusts on record. Those victories (against L.A. Sheriffs and Coronado FD.) were enough to qualify



for the playoffs and enabled team captain

Andy Smith to find a good playing rotation. One of the bright spots of pool play was newcomer **Wezi Samuel**, who was able to play several different positions and earned a spot in the starting rotation.

Playoffs started against a tough San Diego F.D. team that had just defeated LAPD two out of three times. With **Jason DeLaCova** playing middle for the first time and Samuel hitting opposite, the team was able to settle down and play strong against SDFD. LAPD was able to fight back from a 17-19 deficit in the first game to defeat San Diego in both games, 25-21 and 25-17.

The finals came down to the LAPD team and the all-star squad made up

from the CHP, Long Beach P.D. and U.S. Border Patrol. With the strong middle play of **Jeff Stahl** and outside hitting of **Juan Reyes** and **Bret Banachowski**, setter Smith had several weapons to throw at the CHP team, but in a hard fought first game, the CHP was able to squeak out a 25-23 win.

In what was a "must win" game for the LAPD squad, the boys in blue were able to get out to a six-point lead behind the strong hitting of Samuel and setting of Smith. Unfortunately, they were unable to hold onto the lead—losing the

match 23-25, 23-25 for a second place finish and the silver medal.

When playing 14 games during the day, a team cannot go on without the help of strong substitutes who are asked to play in a moment's notice and with very little warm up. **Steve Roussell** and **Rasheen Ford** came off the bench and contributed with solid performance. The iron man award goes to yours truly who, after playing in all 14 volleyball games during the day, played three softball games for Stick Time that evening (winners of the Gold medal in co-ed softball).

Anyone interested in playing volleyball for the department is encouraged to contact Andy Smith at (213) 485-7445 or (213) 305-1291.

LAPD Ski and Snowboard Team

by Mike Braun

The LAPD Ski and Snowboard Team finished up another winning season last April, and it is already time to start thinking about the upcoming season. We brought home a fine collection of trophies and medals from our skiing and boarding adventures. The season kicked off with our annual team party at the home of **Mike and Ingrid Braun** in October. Then we began our training regimen. With the excellent coaching assistance of the Mammoth Mountain Race Department, we held training days in December, January and February.



Snowboard Team.

Many team members took these opportunities to improve their skills and become better and faster racers.

And so in February and March we put our training to the test. Members of the team attended races in Canada, Lake Tahoe, Colorado and Mammoth. **Kelli Stallings** started the race season at the Tour de COPS in Silver Star, British Columbia, where she skied away with gold medals in every event. Next Mike

Braun represented the team at the International Police Winter Games at Heavenly Ski Resort in Lake Tahoe. Mike faced fierce competition from the European crowd, but he held his own, taking medals in the Super G and GS races in the open group.

The rest of the team got into the swing of things at the North American Police Ski Championships in Keystone, Colorado. Participating team members were **T. J. Azevedo**, Mike and Ingrid Braun, **Rick Conrado**, **Glenn Jackson**, **Janet Kim**, **Rob Lerner**, **Bob McDonald**, **Max Phillips**, **Charles Rodriguez**, **Kelli Stallings** and **Lou Vince**. We have become so proficient at



Fire police ski team.

Conrado won the second place team trophy for the Expert Men's class. First place team trophies were awarded to Kelli Stallings and Janet Kim for Advanced Women and also to Max Phillips and T. J. Azevedo for Advanced Men. Unfortunately for Kelli, she crashed at the finish of the Super G and tore up her knee. Let's wish her a speedy recovery.

Next the same crowd (minus Kelli and Janet) sped off to Mammoth Mountain for the California Fire/Police Olympics where we were joined by **Clint Dohmen**, **Bryan Fox**, **Tim Grabe**, **Mike Guttilla**, **Eric Hurd**, **Wes Ikeda**, **Mike Johnson**, **Stanley Shen** and **Andy Smith**. The skies were sunny and the racing was fabulous! The rest of the racers probably got tired of hearing LAPD called out for just about every other medal, but we sure didn't! There were too many medals to list them all, but the highlight was when former Devonshire SEU partners Mike Braun and Mike Guttilla won the Dual Slalom expert class ski and snowboard races. The LAPD team dominated in the trophy collection as well. Mike Guttilla, Rob Lerner, Tim Grabe and Andy Smith won the first place team

trophy, and Mike and Ingrid Braun, Mike Johnson and Rick Conrado won the third place team trophy. To top things off, Mike Braun easily walked away with the Overall Trophy, combined of Alpine and Nordic and the Vince Lambres Super G trophy for the fastest skier on the hill. Not to forget, and as always our star Nordic skier, Mike Johnson was by far the fastest cross country skier on the track and won the top award for that venue.

And so another successful racing season came to a close. We will start all over again next month, Nov. 2, with the kick-off party/meeting at Mike and Ingrid Braun's house. This year the International Police Winter Games are in Davos, Switzerland, on Feb. 2-Mar. 6. The California Fire/Police Olympics, as always, will be at Mammoth Mountain on Mar. 7-11 and the North American Police Ski Championships in Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado, on Mar. 13-20.

We are always looking to expand the team with committed skiers and snowboarders. If you are interested, please contact team captain/coach Mike Braun, Devonshire Senior Lead Office, at (818) 756-9011, ext. 1759, or cell at (661) 857-9346.

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SPORTS BEAT

Swing-a-thon

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team effort, and we're proud of all of them." He further stated, "The event was not only a fundraiser for youth programs, but a way to show kids and adults a good time at no cost to them. I only hope next year that more youth

programs get involved. Their kids will be amazed at the support and fun we can show them in one day, all free!"

For more information about the Annual LAPD Celebrity Swing-a-Thon, contact Officer Mike Scott at (661) 257-3464 or e-mail scottsoldier@aol.com. For more information about the LAPD Centurions Baseball Team, contact Lt. Tim Moss at (818) 756-8291.

Nevada Police/Fire Summer Games at Las Vegas LAPD Centurion Baseball Team Takes Gold

by Lt. Tim Moss

The LAPD Centurion Baseball Team had an outstanding outing in their first appearance at the Nevada Police/Fire Summer Games. They took a small squad of 12 players and stood up to the competition going undefeated through the five-game tournament. The game scores through the first round were L.A. Sheriff's Red 15 to 8, Mesa P.D., Arizona 17 to 2, San Diego P.D. 9 to 3. In the medal round the score was LAPD

allowed only 11 earned runs while the team scored 48 in the five-game tournament. Pitchers Dave Swanson, **Cesar Corona** from West Valley Area, **Ruben Del Castillo** from Newton Street Area, had outstanding outings leading up to the medal round. Merrill Dunn threw a four-hit shutout against the LAPD Game Cops to get into the Gold Medal round. In the Gold Medal round, Wayne Edwards threw a six-hitter with seven k's and one earned run to win Gold for LAPD. The pitching staff had a com-



Centurions over LAPD Game Cops 2 to 0 and the Gold Medal round the LAPD Centurions defeated the LASD Red by a score of 5 to 4. The LAPD bats were extremely hot with **Jon Campbell**, Rampart Area, leading the way with a .714 average with two homeruns. He was closely followed by **Merrill Dunn**, Devonshire Area, hitting .529, **Wayne Edwards**, Devonshire Area, hitting .533, **Michael Scott**, Van Nuys Area, hitting .500. **David Swanson**, Devonshire Area, hit two homeruns and Scott, along with **Juan Soriano**, Devonshire Area, both hit 1 homerun each.

The LAPD Centurion pitching staff

bined 2.33 ERA for the tournament.

Other outstanding contributions to the winning effort were made by lead-off player **Freddie Alleman**, 77th Street Area, with an outstanding on-base percentage, catching and playing infield and outfield. **Jaime Chacon**, Newton Street Area, did an outstanding job hitting in the number four spot, with a powerful bat and excellent fielding. **Ernie Fischer**, Devonshire Area, should be recognized for his managing skills and filling in at catcher. The newest team members, **Jim Edwards**, West Valley Area, and **Joe Broussard**, Newton Area, with his incredible speed, played outstanding in the outfield.

Department Athletes Snag Medals at World Police and Fire Games

by Lew Snow
Sports Beat Editor

Nearly three dozen LAPD athletes took a cross-Atlantic journey to participate at the 10th World Police and Fire Games, held July 27-August 3 in Barcelona, Spain. Their trip home, however, was made difficult because of the constant tripping of metal detectors at airports due to all the medals in their luggage.

The 34 athletes participated in 60 events and brought home a whopping 28 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals. That's quite a haul considering they competed against 10,157 of the top law enforcement from around the globe, ranging from Russia all the way down to Andorra and Liechtenstein.

LAPD's women's basketball teams turned the world upside down by winning gold medals in both the 5x5 and 3x3 competition, beating the hometown favorite, Mossos D'Esquadra (Catalan Police Agency).

In 3x3 action, the ladies (**Marissa Frial**, **Hsin-Yi Lo**, **Leslee Rogers**, **Erika Spence** and **Tracy Wolfe**) were unsullied, beating Britain 85-63, Mossos 76-53 and Agents Rurals 68-51 in the preliminary rounds. They toppled Agents Rurals 49-34 in the semis to gain a rematch against Britain in the final game—a tough battle that found LAPD on top 67-62 when the buzzer sounded.

The 5x5 team (**Brenda Crump**, **Frial**, **Irene Kohler**, **Lo Rogers**, **Spence** and **Wolfe**) was not quite so perfect. They beat Britain 72-55, blew away Guardia Civil 99-42 and Guardia South Ireland 78-56 but then lost a squeaker to Mossos 76-74. Despite the loss, LAPD made it into the playoffs, beating Guardia Civil 70-50 to gain a rematch with Mossos. It was another nip-and-tuck match up, but this time LAPD ended up on top, 66-61. "It was a very challenging tournament," said Crump, "and an incredible experience."

Over on the men's side of the court, LAPD drew a bye in the first round. Unfortunately, it went downhill from there—a 98-74 loss to D'Esquadra sent them to the loser's bracket and an 89-78 defeat to Catalan Fire sealed their fate. The rest of the week was spent enjoying the games and local scenery.

In wrestling action, the seniors came home with six medals. **Mark Mireles** won two golds (211 lb. freestyle and Greco Roman) and **Pat Higa** captured two silvers (132 lb. freestyle and Greco Roman). "It was the best wrestling I've ever done," said Mireles. Bronze medals went to **Troy Collins** (264 lb. freestyle) and **Fernando Mora** (163 lb. Greco Roman).

LAPD bench press record holder **Alberto Franco** added a world record to his trophy case, lifting 517 lbs. in the 275 lb. open group to beat the previous mark by an amazing 43 lbs. "Pound for pound it was the best lift by anyone at the World Games this year," Franco said. **Gabe Gaxiola** was the lone LAPD boxer at the games, taking a bronze medal in the 179 lb. open class.

Whether in the water or on the dirt, the department's grand masters gave a stellar performance. **Brian VanHolm** won two individual gold medals (50m and 100m backstroke) plus participated on a combo USA team that took golds in the 200m medley relay and 200m free relay. Running legend **Chuck Foote** brought home triplets: a gold medal in the 1500m and silvers in the 5000m (only five seconds behind the winner) and 10000m races.

All results for the 2003 World Police and Fire Games can be found on the Web at www.2003wpfg.org. The 2005 games are slated for June 26-July 5 in Quebec City, Canada. Those looking two years ahead can visit www.2005wpfg.org for more information, and for long-range planners, the 2007 games have been awarded to Adelaide in South Australia.

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RETIREMENT NEWS

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Dave Aikins

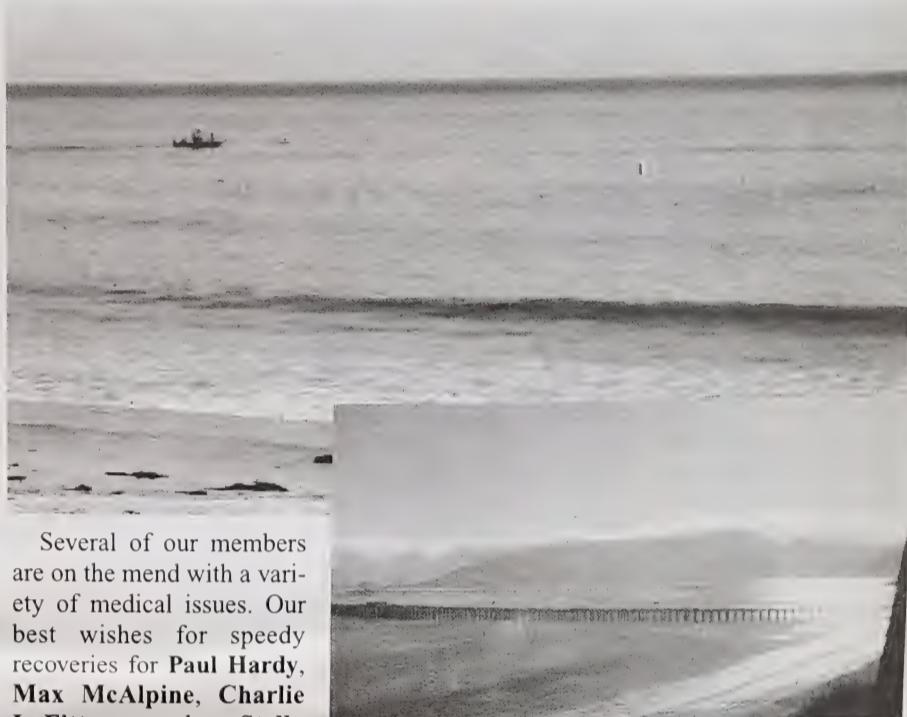
Greetings from the Fuzz folks up here on the central coast. Summer is gone and the holidays are coming soon. The Fuzz gang had a great get together luncheon in September at Rosa's restaurant in Pismo Beach. I'll provide the details of the event next time.

Jaws in Avila Bay

The big news up here recently was the great white shark attack on a 50-year-old female swimmer in beautiful Avila Bay. The tragedy occurred when the woman, a triathlete, was swimming in the early morning hours about 75 yards offshore. Witnesses indicated that she was swimming with a group of seals, which as you know are ideal dining for a great white. Ironically, there were about

30 county and local lifeguards participating in a training session that morning and several of them were in the water at the time of the attack. Four of the lifeguards who were positioned on the Avila pier heard the victim's cries for help and immediately dove in to save her. They were unaware of the shark attack until they swam to her and realized what had occurred. The surprised lifeguards immediately signaled to shore personnel that the victim has been bitten by a shark and proceeded to rapidly bring her to the beach. Unfortunately, her wounds were so severe that she died onshore.

A week before the shark attack the water was filled with locals and vacationers, swimming, kayaking and surfing. We had our family down at the beach and were commenting on the vast numbers of seals darting through the water, and the graceful pelicans diving into the ocean that was being churned by plentiful schools of fish. It's all part of the food chain. After the shark attack, with the media swarming all over the place, the beach at Avila Bay was closed and that order was extended over the Labor Day weekend after several new shark sightings. Other clues included a shark-bitten dead seal that rolled onto the beach. It's all a reminder that we are truly visitors when we enter the ocean and have to respect what's out there.



Several of our members are on the mend with a variety of medical issues. Our best wishes for speedy recoveries for **Paul Hardy**, **Max McAlpine**, **Charlie LaFitte**, and **Stella Mattson**.

I recently got a call from **Tom Swinger**, who along with **Al Schlocker**, ran into one of my favorite LAPD legends—**Will Gartland** (WOG)—at the Yacht Club in Avila Beach. I was able to telephone Gartland who, by the way, put in 44 (that's forty-four) years with the Department. He was always a fun guy to be around, especially on a 0300 call out,

when the coffee got real cold and someone with a keen wit was a nice relief on a chilly early morning. Will and his lovely wife, **Ann**, were having a great time spending a week on the central coast.

Our next event will be our Christmas party at the Madonna Inn on Thursday, December 18. More to come later.

Take care and catch us at: pismoguyn-gal@charter.net. KMA. ♦

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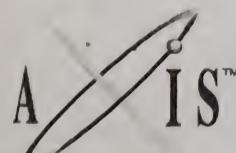
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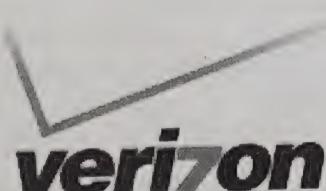
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When you hear that there is life after LAPD, you can bet that is true for retired Sgt. Dave Bailey. After retiring after 30 years and being the OIC of T.V. Photo and Sound, Dave went to work for Panasonic and relocated in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. He has built a beautiful home on a lake and enjoys going fishing whenever he feels like it. He has also taken up playing golf and in Georgia. There are some of the most beautiful golf courses you have ever seen in that area. We played on a course that was as beautiful as Pebble Beach and the cost with a coupon was about \$27 apiece.

Picture shows Dave Bailey and Sgt. Marty Fentress next to Dave's license plate. ♦

More Retirement News on next page

RETIREMENT NEWS

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle
March 16, 1949 to April 15, 1973

Boy! It has been one hot summer and fall. It soared up to 112 degrees in Hemet and 114 to 116 degrees in Palm Springs area. No wonder all the Indian casinos were full every day and evening. They kept the casinos cooled down to about 65 to 68 degrees. The coolest place in the country. I thought I could get out of the heat for a few days, so when I was invited to my favorite niece's wedding in Portland, Oregon, I jumped in my chariot and headed north. Had to make it fast so I didn't get a chance to see anybody on the way. Landed in Portland Friday night. Wedding was Saturday, left Sunday, back to the heat. Who says retirement lets you have lots of time on your hands? The only time I stopped to stretch was at casinos along the way. Did get to see **Betty & Gary Williams** at Seven Feathers Casino in Canyon Ville, Oregon. It was sure good to see them. They live in Cave Junction, Oregon, and it must agree with both of them. They looked great. They have not changed since they retired. Gary is still the handsome devil he was on motors, and wow, Betty is as pretty as a picture. Those of you that knew her on the LAPD, remember how pretty she looked? Well, I think she is prettier now. If I wasn't so old, and if Gary wasn't so big, I just might fight him for her. (Just kidding, Gary.) But I sure enjoyed chatting with them even for a short time. They used to belong to the Inland Blue Line, but had to drop out when gas prices soared. Betty and Gary, come

visit us any time you get close to Hemet.

I never called anyone along the way and I'm sorry. Maybe next time I'll take two weeks and make a fun trip out of it.

I had to cut any visit short and get back to L.A. for my daughter's "UMR" year birthday. She was born during World War II while I was fighting the Japanese in the South Pacific jungle. But I promised her years ago I would not reveal her age.

I had 27 messages on my answer phone. Some were real sad. **George Surber** called to tell me **Jean Burgess** had passed away. She was married to **Al Burgess**. Both Al and George worked 77th Division and were partners. George introduced Al to Jean when they were just young bucks. Al passed away years ago and so did George's wife. Well, George's eyes gave out and he is classified as legally blind. So years ago Jean came to take care of George. She was his eyes and helped him all she could. But now Jean has gone and George is moving to a senior assisted living complex in Hemet. Not only George will miss her, but so will we, all that knew her. Had a call from **Betty Hanley** who lives in Murrietta, telling me **Don Hanley** had passed away. Don contracted Lou Gehrig's Disease and it took hold of him fast. Lou Gehrig's Disease works in strange ways, some it hits harder than others. **Stu Sipma** has had it for several years. He is still fighting. Stu cannot speak; he has to write everything on a pad he carries with him. He writes me he can no longer eat, but is fed through a tube. He lives alone in Palm Desert. His wife lives back east. **Lucille** has Alzheimer's and neither can take care of

the other. And you think you have problems. So let me give you some advice. Give your spouse a hug and a kiss every day. Tell them "I love you." It all boils down to the nitty gritty. We just have them such a short time, when you really look at it. I never went by a day without telling my wife, Beverly, I love you, and would give her a hug. We were married 59 years and 9 months. It was such a short time. She passed away August 22, 2000. I try to keep myself busy. I hate for nights to come. Gives you more time to think.

I am like about 98% of you retirees when the *Blue Line* comes. The first thing you turn to is the E.O.W. section and see so many of the guys you worked with or the same division and you remember how big and robust, fight a bear with a switch, type of guy and now they are gone. The E.O.W. tells you when they were born and sometimes when they were appointed and when they retired.

I went to a garage sale here in Hemet a few years ago and the guy had some uniform paraphernalia for sale: handcuffs, Sam Browne, night club. I made the remark, "Looks like someone used to work in law enforcement." The guy said, "It is mine. I used to work for LAPD." I said, "So did I" and introduced myself. I told him I was president of the Inland Blue Line, a retired LAPD club here in Hemet, and at that time we had over 300 members. I invited him to come to our next meeting. He bluntly informed me that he put up with policemen for 20 years and when he walked out the front door after retiring, he said he turned around and gave the station the finger and had never been anywhere near a station or attended any gathering of LAPD. He told me, "So I don't want any part of LAPD or any other police department." He said, "I don't take the police paper and could care less who passes away." I didn't say anymore. When I reached my car, I looked back and he was still standing in the same spot looking at me. I look for *The Thin Blue Line* when it comes and read it from cover to cover.

Just made a few phone calls. **Guy Salerno** is out of the hospital and doing okay for age 95. Sounds real good. His mind is sharp as a tack. His wife, **Lorine** is not too well. She is in a rest home in Perris, Calif. Guy drives down to see her nearly every day. It is only about ten miles but he still drives his

car. More power to him. I hope I am in as good a shape as Guy when I reach 95. Hell, that's only nine more years for me. Talked to **Floyd Phillips**. He fell and fractured his spine last November. He has been in and out of the hospital ever since, but is doing just fine. Says it still hurts a lot but he gets around using a walker and **Lyda** makes him toe the mark. Floyd will be 86 this September. He has me beat by three months. I told him about he breakfast get-together the first Wednesday of every month in Temecula.

The next luncheon is September 3, 2003, at the Country Garden restaurant, 29000 Front Street in Temecula. Nothing fancy. Just renew old acquaintances. It is next to the Ramada Inn. If you can make it, call **Bill Frommling**, retired lieutenant from LAPD at 909-308-4570, or cabil@mailstation.com. Breakfast is at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Everyone pays for the amount they eat. I think it is a great idea. It's the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m.

Well the next meeting of Inland Blue Line will be October 8 at Anchor restaurant, 2524 E. Florida Ave., in Hemet, Calif. Social hour is at 11:00 a.m. Lunch is at noon sharp, tariff still \$12, including tax and tip.

P.S. Just had a call from **Ron Layton**, retired LAPD living in Spokane, Wash. (my old college town). He advised me that a bunch of retired LAPD are having a luncheon on Oct. 6 at 10:00 a.m. and **Chief Daryl Gates** is going to be the speaker. He wanted to get a hold of Chief Gates so I took his phone number and wrote Chief Gates to call him or send a letter. **He wanted** Chief Gates to come a day early so he can take the chief to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, which is only a hop, skip and a jump from Spokane, to meet with a group of LAPD retirees from Idaho. The chief sure is busy. Everyone wants him to visit their club. We sure enjoyed his presentation at our luncheon.

Well, gang, I've banged your ear long enough. So until next time, remember buckle up, be careful. It's a jungle out there, and God bless.

P.S. I just got a call from **Lloyd Tucker**. **Don Garrahan** passed away on August 25th. Another loss for the Inland Blue Line. Funeral was August 28th in Eternal Hills in Oceanside. Our hearts go out to the family from all who know Don.

Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

The time is here! Get on those running shoes and come on out to Griffith Park on Sunday, October 4, 2003, at 0800, and join us. We meet behind the Ranger Station. Follow the paved road past Pote Field (the baseball diamond) and you'll run into us. We'll be the 'older gentlemen' standing in the parking lot telling some good stories.

Come on out and give us a hand on the support side. Not all the 'valuable players' run. Come out give us a hand and then go to breakfast with us! Captains **Chuck McTaggart** and **Mel Sandvig** are going to be there with lots of news regarding the 2004 Baker to Vegas Relay.

This article is coming to you from an RV campground in Tupelo, Mississippi. My wife Marcia and I are on a genealogy trip tracing our roots. We stopped in the town of West, TX (population 2692), 25 miles north of Waco, to get a picture of my grandmother's twin brothers grave and see if we could find anything out about him. We arrived on Saturday

evening and went to a local cafe, the "West Station Spitoon and Saloon" for supper, and it was very good. We asked the owner/cashier if she knew where the Bold Springs Cemetery was located. She told us she'd find out.

We noticed two police officers eating in the location and that the owner had asked them if they knew of the cemetery. The female officer asked us over and asked us who we were looking for. We told her my granduncle's name and she immediately responded that she knew him that he used to own a restaurant in town, and also from a horse riding club. The term fits a small world fits. The female police officer is my age and she is a reserve officer. Her name is **Celeste Dulock**. Her husband, who passed away 6 years ago, **Tom Dulock** was the Chief

of Police for West for many years. During our conversation she mentioned that a former West citizen went to Los Angeles to become a policeman many years ago, and wondered if I knew Thad Brown. As I said it's a small world. See you all on Sunday, October 4th with more stories.

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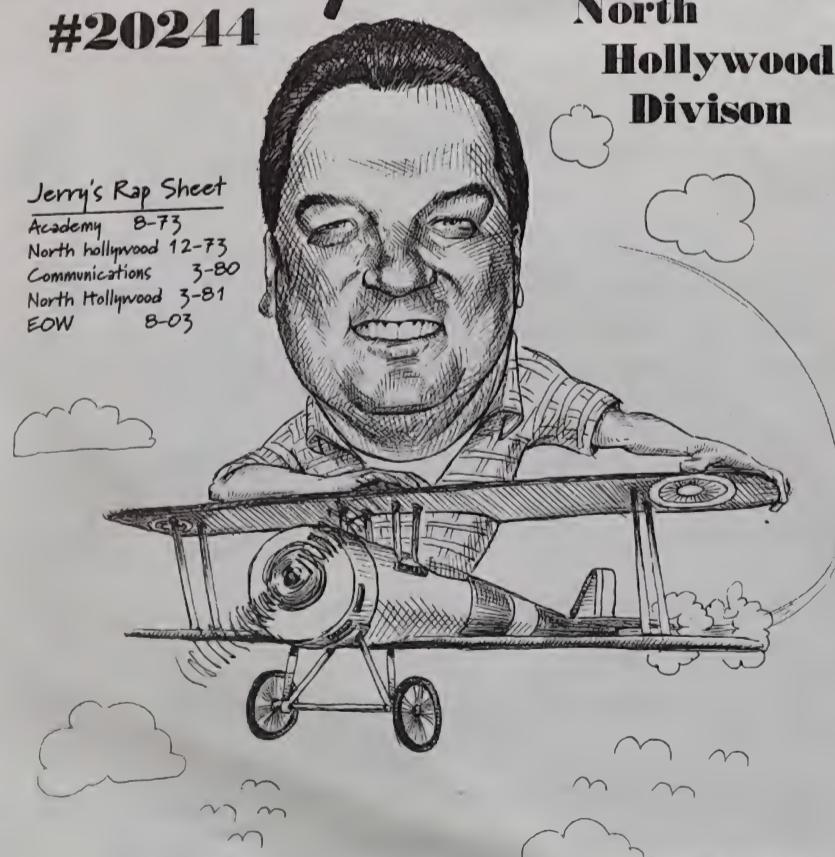
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Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Bernie Remas

Columbus Day and End of Daylight Time

This is the month for all kinds of celebration! On top of everything else, we're having a recall election. For Governor, or have you been out of the country for some time!! California politics. Can it get any better than this? Just make sure you vote! OK?? Good gals and guys!

Now for the more serious 'stuff', from SABLAland!! I mean we got some good things goin' on here!

The annual LAPD picnic & BBQ for 2003 hosted by Ron & Marilyn Kiser in Sonoma is now history!

I'll bet some of you missed it just because you weren't paying attention! Sorry!

I didn't have all the details at press time, but next month we'll have all the news for you, and the great party you missed!

If you missed the August luncheon, then you missed SABLA's very own Tom Vigen. Now Tom is younger than some of us, oops, than most of us, but he is still a champion weight-lifter.

At the August luncheon, he proved once again that he continues to compete at a level higher than any we know! For those of you that know Tom, he still has a quiet, modest demeanor. But he told us about his weight lifting background and some of the recent history of senior weight lifting, and his competition in the Police/Fire Games. He brought many of his gold medals, and we were basking in his accomplishments!

Tom started lifting while attending Cerritos College in SoCal, after a stint in the USMC. He did power-lifting for 6 years, and then 'retired' for a few years. He was 57 years old when he started again! Recently, lifters were allowed to use a 'shirt'. This shirt allowed Tom to lift 358 pounds.

But in 2000, the Police Games decided that the 'shirt' must go. With the shirt 'out', Tom dropped back to 341 lbs.

This year Tom competed here in Sacramento at the Police/Fire Games, and lifted 358 lbs.!! He is back! He don't need no d— shirt!!!

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on October 15, 2003, at "The LAMPLIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave and Nordhoff St. We meet in the Bar/Lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 A.M. Coffee is available until orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 30 attending August 20th luncheon. The following attended: Gene ALLENWORTH (5058), Bob BAKER (7839), Barney BORONICH (3861), Frances DAVIDSON, Ted DEBS (6808), Eamie (3918) and Sylvia DICKENS, Ed ELLIOTT (4703), Hilliard (Curly) ELLIOTT (4534), Ray ELMER (5607), Clinton ERICKSON (5608), Bob FRITZ (4583), Glen KALEY (3503), Tom LINDHOLM (4734), Lou MELLOTT (4037), Boris MENEGHELLI (3522), George MOORE (10565), Lou NETZA (7655), Paul NICHOLAS (4047), Les NOLTE (10821), Robert PETERSON (16449).

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I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters. IF ANY OF YOU BECOME AWARE OF THE PASSING OF OFFICERS YOU HAVE WORKED WITH, LET ME KNOW SO I CAN PASS THE INFORMATION TO MY E-MAIL LIST OF RETIRED VALLEY OFFICERS.

Our meeting information and attendees are on www.larfpa.com. the names appear on the Website about a month prior to seeing them in the Blue Line column. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in September and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the 3rd Wednesday of each month.



At CHP Academy - Sacramento July '03. Left Alice Sandoval and Joe Sandoval. In background, Carl Kuehn.



Bonnie and Bob Troutt. Hope everyone recognizes us with our "shades" on.

95758. Phone calls are encouraged at (916) 684-6563. I'm sure that Roy would like to hear from some of his 'old buds'. A card would be fine too!

A couple of months back, a whole group of us SABLApeople were hosted at the CHP Academy here in the Sacramento area. We had a great tour and lunch, and some photos of those in attendance were lost in travel to Los Angeles! Can you imagine?? Lost by Wells Fargo,—I mean the Postal Service???? So here for you to see is a repeat look at some fine XLAPDers and their wives! First is Joe Sandoval with Alice! Then you'll see Bob Troutt and Connie! Don't they look grrreat??!

Back to the August luncheon, 'cause there were some X-LAPD people you missed. Bob Devin from Auburn was in

to see everyone. He's looking good, but did state that his wife Betty recently had surgery, and recovering nicely! Ray Lauritzen, Nate Iannone from Orangevale were there. Where were you?? Joe Sandoval, John Lestelle and Chuck Crawford were there! You too?? Bill Wilhelm, whom I haven't seen since the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee was there. Maybe he said somethin' about 'recovering'! I thought X-Motor guys were always 'recovering'!

Our head table had the Prez Carl Kuehn with wife Ellie, Hoy Key with Wilma Laycock and our SABLA guest speaker Tom Vigen.

I sat with Gene DeCrona, Jim Byrd and his guest Alex Young. We had a good time together! You could've too, if only you had been there!! Another of our X-Prez's George Puddy, and newcomer Al Ferrone were there!

And still another newcomer that I did not recognize, —sorry about that, Frank Moore, #15625!! Frank now lives in Sacramento, and did 'time' at W.L.A. Vice. He retired in '95!

At the August SABLA luncheon, I didn't see Dennis McDonald or Corki Rochlitz #10643!! So I don't know if this the beginning of a new romance!! Stay tuned everybody. I'm sure there will be more news later!

You can see what a good time you could've had if you had been there! Next luncheon is the second Thursday of the month. This month is October and it's on the 9th this month!!!

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Note: the 2 photos noted above are in the mail from Roseville. Hope they make it this time. Bernie

Dates to Remember

	OCTOBER	Event Time/ Social	Meal
October 1	L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Meeting	1000	
October 2	LAPD Reserves Awards Dinner	1800	
October 8	Inland Blue Line	1100	1200
October 9	S.A.B.L.A	1100	1200
October 11	Metro Mounted Unit Open House	1000	
October 12	L.A. Police Foundation "March on Crime" at the Police Academy	1130	
October 15	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200
October 25	Bacon & Scrambled L'eggs Dualathon for LAPD Equestrian Fund	0830	
October 27	44th LAPD Medal of Valor Awards	1200	
NOVEMBER			
November 2	Cops for Tots Car Show	0800	
November 5	L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Meeting	1000	
November 14	LAPD/LASD Fight for Life Boxing Event	1830	
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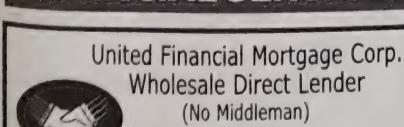
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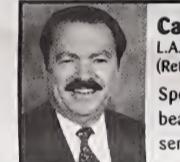


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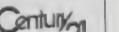
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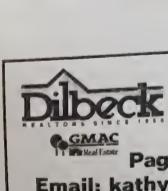


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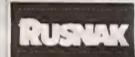
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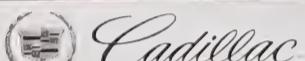


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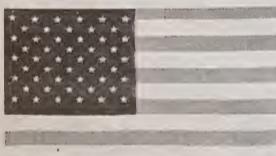
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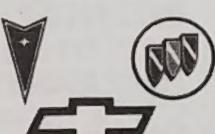


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